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REGIMENTS FROM FRONT IN BERLIN TO KEEP ORDER

Ebert Ministry Decides to Delay Further Demobilization Until Danger to the Existing Government Has Passed.

LIEBKNECHT GROUP FOR DICTATORSHIP

Spartacus Party Said to Be Aiming at Such Disorder as to Bring in Entente Troops and Incite a Reaction.

By ARNO DOSCH-FLEUROT, A Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

BERLIN, via Copenhagen, Monday, Dec. 9.—Several regiments fresh from the western front arrived in Berlin last night. The (Ebert) Government, learning of the efforts of the Spartacus group to force a Government crisis, decided to delay any further demobilization until the danger to the Government should be past.

The fresh force, added to the loyal regiments already in Berlin, gave to the Government a sense of security today which the Spartacus mass meetings have been unable to disturb.

Many meetings both for and against the Government, are being held, but the greatest success was Herr Ebert's at the Schloss Felsen, where a crowd made ringing demonstrations for the Ebert-Haase Government.

Meanwhile the Government is making a complete investigation of the reactionary movement which caused the shooting of the Spartacus people Friday, which is convincing the troops of its sincerity.

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Earlier Report on Conditions in Berlin.

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It is a dangerous situation. The point of safety is that the troops understand the danger and are firmly behind the Government. Whether they can inform and steady the masses of returning soldiers from the front fast enough to prevent them being drawn into one of the two extremes will be tested in the next few days.

The Government succeeded tonight in putting its first curb on the disturbers by uncovering a plot of the Extreme Right in which the soldiers were ordered yesterday—no one knows by whose orders—to fire upon Spartacus demonstrators. For a week the Spartacus group have been making an open fight on the Government as too conservative. The demonstrators upon whom the reactionary soldiers fired yesterday were leaving an incendiary meeting in which the overthrow of the Government had been demanded. So the Government was under necessity to act for its own protection. The Spartacus affair presents much greater difficulty than the Extreme Right movement, which is centered in a few men.

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By the Associated Press. BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 9.—A dramatic sequel to Friday's attempted arrest of the Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council occurred today when the Hotel Bristol, one of the more fashionable places on Unter den Linden, was

The Tank Now Used as "Canal Mule" in France

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 8. By the Associated Press. INDUSTRIAL use already has been made of one of the notable war implements evolved during the recent conflict—the tank. Yesterday one of these erstwhile engines of destruction was used as motive power on the Marne Canal, near Epervier, under the direction of the Ministry of Public Works.

The tank hauled a convoy of barges at a speed of nearly two miles an hour, as compared with the speed by animal power of less than a mile an hour.

SPENDS THE FURNITURE MONEY AND SAYS ROBBERS TOOK IT

Happy Bridegroom Admits That He Couldn't Furnish the Flat, Because He Furnished His Friends.

When Robert E. Morgan, engineer at St. Luke's Hospital, took unto himself a wife last Saturday he told her he had a lot of money in the bank with which to furnish a flat. Yesterday, when they were to have gone shopping in the furniture belt, he told her it couldn't be done, because three wicked men had met him at Twentieth and Chestnut streets after he had drawn \$412 from the bank and pointed big revolvers at him and took it away from him.

The police had to be told. They were skeptical. They asked him a lot of questions and he admitted, first, that he had only \$135 when he started out, and, second, that the three men he met were friends, and, third, that they did not hold him up, but that he, being so happy, bought many drinks for them and himself, and, feeling prosperous as well as happy, paid a few old bills and found himself with only \$35.

He couldn't furnish any kind of a flat for \$35, so he told his bride about the three bad men.

SAYS WORLD LEAGUE WILL NOT MEAN DISARMAMENT

Sir Eric Geddes, Expects That a Police Force Will Be Necessary to Preserve Peace.

CASBRIDGE, England, Monday, Dec. 9.—The establishment of a league of nations will not result in the development of a world in which no wars will occur, armaments will be unnecessary and reason supplant violence, in the opinion of Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in an address here tonight. Under the most favorable conditions, declared Sir Eric, it was to be expected that a police force would be required.

On the sea, he added, the British navy had performed that function expertly and impartially, preventing the free nations from being crushed. Several divisions of the demobilized troops, all reported solid behind the Government, are expected here tomorrow when a gala reception will be held. It looks as if the critical period which was real enough, would pass away quickly.

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8 MEN OF 89TH NAMED AS KILLED IN MEUSE BATTLE

Seven of St. Louisans in Today's Death Roll Were in 354th Infantry, One in 356th.

ST. LOUIS DEAD IN ACTION EXCEED 300

One of 138th Killed, and Others Wounded in Argonne Battle, on New Official List.

Eight St. Louis members of the Eighty-ninth Division, which was in action on the Meuse in the last three weeks of the war, are named in today's official casualty list as having been killed in action. Seven of them were in the 354th Infantry, the Camp Funston Regiment containing the largest number of St. Louis drafted men, and one in the 356th, another Camp Funston regiment.

The 138th Infantry, the St. Louis National Guard regiment, is also represented in the day's casualty report by one man killed in action and by a number of men wounded in the Argonne battle, the last week of September.

With today's additions, the number of St. Louis men classified under the headings "killed in action" and "died from wounds," becomes 305. To date 89 per cent of all the deaths in the army have appeared in the official lists, but it is not known whether this proportion applies to the local deaths.

Corp. Francis T. McGowan, 30 years old, of B Company, 356th Infantry, son of Thomas McGowan of 1444 North Twenty-second street, was killed in action Nov. 5, the father has been notified. He was formerly employed as a finisher by the Lampert Furniture Co., and was drafted last April. A brother, John, is in an Indiana camp.

Sgt. Elbert L. Smith of H Company, 354th, died Nov. 5 from wounds received in action, according to a notification to his sister, Mrs. Frederick A. Riddell of 4113W Kosuth avenue. He was formerly a salesman for a millinery company, and was drafted in the first local contingent. A brother is in the service overseas. Their mother, Mrs. Ida Smith, lives in Chicago.

Corp. James W. Kelleher, 24, of M Company, 354th, son of Mrs. Julia Kelleher, a widow, of 6531 Crest avenue, Weston, was killed in action Nov. 1. He was formerly employed as a tile roofer, and was drafted in September, 1917.

Charles Divalvo, 22, of B Company, 354th, was killed in action Nov. 4, according to a death notice inserted in the Post-Dispatch by his wife, Mrs. Rose Divalvo of 3305 Arlington avenue. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ghio Divalvo of 3011 Belt avenue and was formerly employed in a factory of the Peters Shoe Co.

William C. McVey, 28, of G Company, 354th, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. McVey of 2632A Park avenue, was killed Nov. 5. He was formerly an employee of the Brown Shoe Co. factory, and was in the first local contingent sent to Camp Funston.

Sam Buchanan of M Company, 354th, son of Mrs. Mollie Buchanan of 5744 Garfield avenue, was killed in the last week of October, the mother has been notified. A sister also survives him.

Music Salesman Killed. George J. Fauth, 25, of D Company, 354th, killed in action Nov. 1, was the son of Mrs. Kate Fauth of

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INFLUENZA PATIENT'S 10-WORD WILL IS PRONOUNCED VALID

Scribbled on Piece of Scrap Paper Day Before Salesman Died.

Like many other persons who fall ill of influenza and justly have fears as to the outcome, Harry Martin Verclas, a traveling salesman, 3911 De Tonty street, remembered that he had made no will. So, on Dec. 2, the day before his death, he wrote his last testament in 10 words, to which were added the date, his signature and the names of three witnesses. The document, scribbled on a piece of scrap paper, was as follows:

Everything I possess I leave to my beloved wife, Ruby, Dec. 2, 1918. Harry Martin Verclas, Witnesses: Margaret Cummings, Caroline Mann, L. R. Mann.

Joseph A. Wright, an attorney representing three brothers and two sisters of Verclas, protested today that Verclas was delirious when he made the will, and hence it was not legal. Judge Holtcamp called in the witnesses to the will and after hearing their testimony of their belief that Verclas knew what he was doing, ordered the will filed for probate.

Yesterday Judge Holtcamp expressed the opinion that the will was valid. "It would have been valid if written on a chip of wood," he said.

Verclas' estate is said to consist of about \$15,000 stock in the Proctor & Gamble company, by which he was employed.

M'ADOO ANNOUNCES RAILROADS WILL ADD PASSENGER TRAINS

Restoration of Normal Service Has Been Undertaken, Director-General Says.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Restoration of normal passenger service has now been undertaken by the Railroad Administration, said Director-General McAdoo today in a statement addressed to the American people, withdrawing his plea made last January for curtailment of passenger travel for the war emergency.

A number of trains, he announced, will be added to existing schedules within the next few weeks.

EXCISE OFFICER AWAITS RULING ON CLOSING ORDER

Holds Up Case Until Courts Decide on Legality of Influenza Ban.

Excise Commissioner Lewis today took under advisement the case of Cyril de Murchy, a Belgian saloon keeper at 2008 Market street, accused of having opened his saloon Nov. 11, armistice celebration day, in violation of the influenza ban.

The informant was Samuel Prussen of 4734 Vernon avenue, who alleged that after he and two friends had taken drinks in the saloon, De Murchy refused to give him change from a \$5 bill which he had paid for the drinks.

The saloon keeper's defense was that Prussen prevailed on him to sell the drinks, telling him that the closing ban was lifted for the celebration of peace. He denied he withheld change from Prussen.

The Excise Commissioner said that inasmuch as several cases against saloon keepers charged with violating the Health Department orders are still pending in the courts, he would await decisions as to the legality of the influenza ban.

WILSON MESSAGE TO MARSHALL

Vice-President Asked to Preside at Regular Meeting of Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Vice-President Marshall was asked by President Wilson in a wireless message today to preside at the usual Tuesday Cabinet meeting at the White House.

FAIR AND COOLER TONIGHT AND TOMORROW IS FORECAST

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m. 34° 3 p. m. 44° 5 p. m. 48° 7 p. m. 44° 9 p. m. 38° 11 p. m. 34° 1 a. m. 30° 3 p. m. 40° 5 p. m. 44° 7 p. m. 40° 9 p. m. 36° 11 p. m. 32°

Highest temperature yesterday, 74, at 3 p. m.; lowest, 40, at 4 p. m.

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair and cooler tonight and tomorrow; lowest temperature tonight above the freezing point.

Missouri—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; cooler tonight and in east and south portions tomorrow.

Illinois—Unsettled and cooler tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy and cooler.

Stage of the river at 7 a. m., 3.5 feet, a fall of 1 of a foot.

WHY does the Post-Dispatch print MORE want ads than the Globe-Democrat, Republic, Times and Star—all added together? Answer: RE-CULTURE!

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PRESIDENT DUE TO ARRIVE AT BREST FRIDAY

Pershing, House and Party of French and American Officials to Meet Him When He Lands.

EXPECTED TO REACH PARIS AT 10 P. M.

President Poincaré, Clemenceau and Big Delegation to Meet at Train—Official Reception Monday.

By the Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 10.—Stephen Pichon, Foreign Minister; Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine; Capt. Andre Tardieu, head of the Franco-American General Commission for War Matters; Armand E. Gauthier, former Minister of Marine; Gen. John J. Pershing, E. M. House and a number of Americans associated in the work of the American Peace Committee will leave Paris Thursday night at 10 o'clock for Brest to meet President Wilson.

The President's ship, the George Washington, will enter the roads at Brest early in the afternoon escorted by American and allied warships. The welcoming party will go on board at once to extend greetings. The President will land at 3 o'clock. An hour later his train will leave for Paris. It will arrive here at 10 o'clock and be met by President Poincaré, Premier Clemenceau and a large official delegation. The President will be taken to the Elysee Palace, where luncheon will be served. On Monday afternoon he will be accorded a solemn reception at the Hotel de Ville.

During the ensuing days President Wilson will take a long trip through the devastated districts and cities of Eastern France.

There seems to be no change in the plan to begin the peace conference on Dec. 17.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Admiral Sims, Commander in Chief of all American naval forces in Europe, will personally command the fleet of nine battleships and 30 destroyers which is to meet President Wilson's ship at sea and escort it to Brest.

President Sees How American Navy Fight U-Boats.

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 9, 6 p. m.—President Wilson stood on the bridge of the George Washington this afternoon and saw a United States submarine attack.

A touch of realism was given by the drill of the men on board the liner and the conveying ships. The great liner was gliding through the choppy waters like a chip on a duck pond when bugles and alarm bells called the men to battle stations. The President was taken to the bridge by Capt. McCauley so that he might get a better view of the demonstration.

A destroyer which had been lagging far astern suddenly leaped forward, her funnels vomiting smoke, and white spray dashing from her bow as she tore through the water at a clip of 30 knots an hour. As the destroyer came abreast of the liner depth bombs were dropped and great geysers were thrown high in the air as the warship zig-zagged through the waters, beneath which was supposed to lurk the enemy submarine.

Each explosion was distinctly felt on board the George Washington. The concussion sounded like heavy blows being struck against the side of the vessel.

President Wilson was most interested in the demonstration and asked questions about it, going into the most minute detail.

The George Washington will pass into the Azores tomorrow morning and will turn northward on the last leg of the voyage. There will be no stop at the Azores.

President Probably Will Not Sit at Peace Table.

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 9 (by wireless to the Associated Press).—President Wilson probably will not sit at the peace table, but will be represented there by delegates, while remaining in close contact with the heads of the other nations and prepared to decide question referred to him.

Premier Clemenceau, it is believed, will be president of the peace conference. This is considered fitting, because the conversations will be in French.

President Wilson is in favor of entirely public proceedings, such as are carried on in the Senate Chamber at Washington, with the press representatives given every facility to report.

There will be no secrecy, as there is in the Foreign Relations Committee.

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Tribute to Pershing and American Army by Noted British Military Critic

Their Advance on Meuse Called "the Matador Thrust of the Bull Fight"—Says History Will Applaud General's Strength of Character.

By LIEUT.-COL. REPINGTON, Eminent British Military Critic.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A military critic in time of war is necessarily barred from mentioning numbers and units of the armies fighting on the side of one's country while active operations are in progress. For this reason I have been unable hitherto to refer, in more than outline, to the remarkable military effort the United States has made in France this year. I now gladly take the opportunity afforded by the publication in the United States of Gen. Pershing's dispatch, and by the withdrawal of previous restrictions to do justice to that very splendid achievement.

It has been my opinion since 1914 that, viewing the position in which the belligerent armies stood in France, an advance down the Meuse would be the right and decisive strategy whenever our forces might be strong enough to strike, and at the same time guard themselves from the Metz side. It was to be the matador thrust in the bull fight.

Prolongation on the Argonne-Meuse offensive westward indicated that the French were responsive to this idea. When I learned that the leading role in the movement had been assigned to the Americans I was well pleased, for I trusted in the movement and in the men.

Initial Attack Successful.

The initial attack by the 10 leading American divisions on Sept. 26, was most successful. It ran over the enemy and gained 10 miles in depth in two days. During October the Americans delivered concerted and general attacks, and were continuously engaged against a total of 33 German divisions in some of the fiercest and most bitter fighting of the war.

The Germans could not afford to give ground there, and they fought like lions. Argonne, with its deep gullies and tangled thickets, had been the scene of the most sanguinary fighting early in the war.

It was the same ground, and the same kind of fighting that the young American army had to confront.

In that terrible month of combats with bullet, bomb and bayonet, especially from Oct. 1 to 5, the Americans must have suffered not less than 160,000 casualties, though I do not know the exact figures. They fought themselves up against a proposition calculated to appall the stoutest hearts. They fought silently but grimly, doggedly and fiercely. Difficulty of supplies was successfully overcome despite poverty of communications.

"Broke Ludendorff's Nerve."

The sight of fresh American divisions continually thrown into the fight to his firm and steadfast spirit we owe much. To his steady and cheerful amid the most perturbing events, impervious to panic, rapid in decision, quick in action, the allies and the world owe tributes. To his troops, what can we say? They were conquerors. They beat the Germans and they beat them thoroughly. They worthily maintained the traditions of their country. They fought for an ideal and they won.

To all Americans, fighters and workers in the states, of all classes and all ranks, our heartfelt thanks are due. Their association with our armies will leave enduring memories. No links are closer than these which join man and man in labors and dangers shared in common for a just and nobler cause.

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NINE WOMEN AT TRIAL OF NEGRO BOOTLEGGER

Judge Dyer Now Announces Sales of Liquor to Soldiers Must Be Stopped.

Judge Dyer in the Federal Court yesterday imposed a sentence of six months in jail and a fine of \$100 and costs, defendant to stand committed until the fine is paid, against Henry Jones, a negro, convicted by a jury of selling liquor to soldiers in the vicinity of Union Station. The punishment is equivalent to seven months imprisonment, as the defendant must remain in jail 30 days before he is relieved of the payment of the fine.

The Court's action was in striking contrast to his announcement from the bench Nov. 27 that he did not "think much" of the plan of "rapping" negroes who were selling liquor to soldiers at and around Union Station. At that time he said: "A negro is a pretty accommodating fellow, and if a white man asks him to do anything he is eager to do it."

Orders Practice Broken Up.

A delegation of nine women interested in the Y. M. C. A. work of protecting soldiers passing through the city was present when Jones was tried, and remained in court until after Judge Dyer had passed sentence. Following his pronouncement of the sentence Judge Dyer, commenting on the liquor traffic about the station, said to those in court that it must be stopped.

"I've experienced war times," the Judge said, "and I know that if there is anything around here that is better than the liquor traffic, it is the Y. M. C. A. work."

The sentence, imposed against this negro isn't very heavy and neither is it light, but for the soldier he isn't worth killing, and neither is any white man who sells liquor to men in uniform.

"What the officers must do, however, to break up this practice is to arrest and prosecute the saloon keepers from whom these men buy the liquor for the soldiers."

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fight at a time when the British armies were hammering him mercilessly in the north broke Ludendorff's nerve, and filled the mind of the enemy with foreboding of inevitable disaster.

By October 31 the American line extended east and west a little north of Grand Pre, and Gen. Pershing was ready to launch his last general attack, which was delivered Nov. 1, preceded by a carefully prepared artillery bombardment. It was completely successful, and resulted in an advance of 40 kilometers (near 25 miles) in seven days.

Under the most adverse conditions of ground and season and of incomplete service Gen. Pershing had fulfilled his mission. Had not the armistice been signed on Nov. 11 an attack would have been launched on that day by the Second American Army in the direction of Briey, and it must have succeeded.

To my mind there was nothing finer in the war than the splendid good comradeship displayed throughout by Gen. Pershing, and there was nothing more striking than the determined way in which he pursued his original plan of making the American army respected and feared.

Tribute to American Army.

The program of arrivals, speeded up and varied in response to the appeals of the allies, involved him in appalling difficulties, from which the American armies suffered to the last. His generous answer to cries for help from other sections left him for a long time almost, if not quite, without an army.

He played the game set by his friends, but all the time with a singleness of purpose and strength of character which history will applaud. Always his eyes were fixed on the great strategic objective which he ultimately attained, silencing his petty and paltry detractors in attaining it.

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W.R. HEARST'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS PAPERS BROUGHT OUT

In Propaganda Hearing, Message Signed "Doctor," to New York American Declared Famous Zimmerman Note Probably Was a Forgery Prepared by Attorney-General.

FOR AN AMERICAN-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP

Believed Vast Majority of People of U. S. Were Undesirous of Entering War and Said His Newspapers Had Been Fair to Germany in the Interest of America.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Government copies of telegrams signed by William Randolph Hearst giving instructions regarding the policy of his newspapers and their correspondents during the war, were read into the record at today's hearing of the Senate committee investigating German propaganda.

In a message to the New York American, Feb. 24, 1917, Mr. Hearst outlined instructions to be cable to William Bayard Hale, then a Hearst correspondent in Berlin and who, according to the evidence recently produced, was on the German payroll without Hearst's knowledge. Mr. Hearst said he believed a vast majority of the people of America and Germany opposed the United States entering the war, and concluded "we earnestly desire to employ the influence of our country not for the extension and protraction of the war, but for the promotion of a just and lasting peace."

A message dated March

war before the committee today as evidence that his name had no place on the German "list of important names" in the committee's investigation.

Prof. Hart described his acquaintance with Pro-Germans, and declared he had not shared their views at any time. He said he refused to join the German University Alliance at the invitation of Otto Merkel of New York because he did not wish to become identified with such an organization. He cited many articles written by him and published in which he condemned the violation of Belgium.

HITCHCOCK SAYS THE GERMANS USED HIS NAME RECKLESSLY

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, addressed the Senate today in regard to the mention of his name among advocates of a munitions embargo in documents produced before the Senate Judiciary Committee's German propaganda inquiry. He said it was evident that the Germans had used the names of many public men recklessly, if not falsely.

In 1914, Hitchcock said, he proposed a munitions embargo bill as a measure for strict American neutrality. Later, he declared, German propaganda and criminal acts in this country and atrocities abroad caused him to change his attitude.

"Like other Americans," said the Senator, "I have passed from one phase of the situation to another—peaceful neutrality, armed neutrality, war. I supported in the days of our neutrality the embargo idea."

Referring to the letter of a German agent, dated July 22, 1915, saying Hitchcock "seemed strong" for the embargo movement and had said it would "sweep the United States," Hitchcock pointed out that he had introduced a bill for a munitions embargo more than eight months before, and had made a speech in the Senate in the bill's behalf. On Feb. 17, 1915, the measure was rejected.

Explains His Stand.

"The part I took during 1914 and 1915 in favor of prohibiting the export of arms and ammunition during our neutrality never has been a subject of concealment or apology on my part," said Hitchcock.

"My stand was taken in 1914 as an American for neutrality. The Germans in America took theirs by forming the embargo conference in 1915 as partisans of Germany. They were supporting my bill, but I declined to go to their conference, conventions or meetings, though I was often invited to appear as a speaker.

"In these days the country was under a pledge of neutrality by virtue of the President's proclamation made when the war broke out. We should no doubt have remained neutral, at least nominally and officially, if Germany had not by a series of outrages, made our attitude first difficult and then impossible.

"My attitude naturally changed with changing conditions.

"I stood first for a strict peaceful and impartial neutrality, even to the extent of selling arms and ammunition and lending no money to either side.

Changed His Stand.

"Next when Germany began a systematic attack on our commerce I was ready to fight to protect our neutrality.

"I supported the President's request that we authorize him to assert and protect our neutrality by arming merchant ships and I had charge in the Senate of what was known as the armed neutrality resolution which was so dramatically heard in the Senate at noon March 4, 1917.

"A month later, when the issue changed from armed neutrality to war, I had charge of the declaration of war which was briefly debated and passed by the Senate April 4, 1917."

24-INCH AMERICAN RIFLE HAS A RANGE OF 40 MILES

Major-General Coe, in His Annual Report, Says This Caliber Piece Is Now Practicable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Ordinance development during the war has brought cannon makers to the point where the 24-inch rifle is easily practicable, Major-General F. W. Coe, chief of coast artillery, said today in his annual report. The nominal range of a gun of this size would be 40 miles, the report says, but "longer ranges for special types are possible if desired."

The limit has not yet been approached in the size of tractor-drawn artillery, declares Gen. Coe, intimating that a successor to the German "big Bertha" is to be expected.

"In the case of harbor defenses," the report declares, "the existing armament lacks in power when judged by latest standards. In order to provide for the unhampered movements of our own fleets in leaving important harbors, it will undoubtedly be necessary in many cases to supplement the existing defenses with the highest-power, largest-caliber guns, placed as far to the front as possible. Recourse will consequently be had to fixed emplacements."

ALTON B. PARKER IN COURT HERE IN BEHALF OF UNION

Former Presidential Nominee Argues Against \$720,000 Judgment Returned in Picketing Case.

Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, who in 1904 was Democratic nominee for President of the United States, appeared in the United States Court of Appeals here today as counsel for the United Mine Workers of America in that organization's appeal from a \$720,000 judgment rendered against it by a jury in the Federal Court at Fort Smith, Ark., in November, 1917, in a suit for strike damages brought by the Colorado Mining Co. and three other corporations.

Judge Parker, in his argument, said instructions given to the jury by Judge James D. Elliott were "most remarkable" and were calculated to force a verdict in favor of the mining companies.

Judge Elliott had told the jury that he would insist on an agreement, and outlined reasons for believing a verdict in favor of the mining companies would be justified.

He held that the members of local union who raided and damaged a coal mine property at Jamestown, Ark., should be considered representatives of the national union organization of miners and that the national organization was responsible for the acts of the members of the local.

The jury returned a verdict for \$200,000. In accordance with the petition this was trebled by the Court and the costs were assessed against the mine workers.

BOY DIES, BROTHER WOUNDED

St. Louisian Gets Word of Son's Wounds After Another's Death.

Within two hours after his 13-year-old son, George Jr., had died Saturday, George Heins, 223 Russell avenue, received a War Department telegram telling that another son, Sergt. Charles G. Heins, 26, E Company, 354th Infantry, had been severely wounded in action on Nov. 2.

A letter from Sergt. Heins received by his parents on Oct. 8, said that he was in a hospital with wounds in his knee and side.

Former Kaiser Sheds His Uniform; Is Said to Be Writing Story of His Life

Reported That His Autobiography Will Explain Attitude Before and During War—Rumor That He Tried Suicide.

By the Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Saturday, Dec. 7.—Since his formal abdication William Hohenzollern has shed his uniform and appears regularly in civilian clothes about his retreat here, as do the members of his suite. The entourage has been reduced in number to 18, for himself and the former Empress.

The family life of the erstwhile royal pair appears to flow as evenly as that of any middle-aged couple who might be enjoying a quiet country holiday. Their rooms on the first floor of the castle command a wide view of the landscape. They dine with their host, Count von Bentinck, being often joined at the meal by the Count's brother, a noble residing in a neighboring castle, and spend much of their time together strolling through the castle grounds.

Yesterday Herr Hohenzollern went for a walk into the country while his wife explored the neighboring market town of Wageningen. Today the ex-emperor visited Zuylenstein, a Benetick family property, where he indulged in tree cutting for the sake of exercise.

The quiet of the village here is occasionally startled by wild rumors of plots upon the former Emperor's life, but the "suspicious person" found lurking about the castle "generally turns out to be a harmless newspaper man. Another rumor, of which no confirmation can be had, is that Herr Hohenzollern has bought a villa in the neighborhood. The entrance to the castle is still strictly guarded.

Former Emperor Said to Be Writing His Autobiography.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, has had several interviews at Amerongen with two German experts on international law with whom he discussed his personal position, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Express. These experts arrived and left Amerongen in a rather mysterious manner.

It is understood, according to the dispatch, that Herr Hohenzollern is writing his autobiography and a history of his reign. He will explain his attitude before and during the war, it is said. The book, which will be long, is intended for publication, or if its author is tried before an international tribunal, may be read as a part of his defense.

Rumor That Ex-Kaiser Attempted Suicide.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, has attempted to commit suicide following mental depression, according to the Leipzig Tageblatt, which is reported in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. A member of the former Emperor's retinue who prevented Herr Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention received a wound, it is said.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 10 (Havas).—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former German Emperor, has proclaimed the establishment of a royal party in Germany, according to reports from Holland.

ROBBER HOLDS UP SON OF STOREKEEPER AND GETS \$90

Other Robberies in Various Parts of the City During Last Night.

A robber, armed with a revolver, entered Emil Haus' shoe store, 720 North Taylor avenue, while Haas was at supper at 6 o'clock last night and held up Gustav Haas, a son, who had been left in charge. He took \$90 from the cash register.

Two armed robbers locked the front door of the Stockhausen drug store, 1301 Geyer avenue, when they entered and ordered the clerk, Arthur Ritter, into the cellar at 5 p. m. As he disappeared down the stairway they also locked the cellar door. They made no effort to molest Mrs. Edna Herbet, 1303 Geyer avenue, a customer, but warned her to keep quiet.

After taking \$15 from the cash register they escaped.

Fred Wagner, 712 Russell avenue was stopped by two armed men in front of his home at midnight and robbed of \$3. Edward Courtney 3843 North Market street, was stopped by an armed negro, nee Elveth and Morgan streets at 9 p. m. and robbed of \$45 and a watch. Peter Kilts of Saranac, Mich., was held up by two armed robbers at 6 p. m. at Twenty-second and Chestnut streets and dragged into an alley and robbed of \$19.50 and a watch.

Eleventh and Morgan streets at 9 p. m. was robbed of \$21, a watch and Masonic charm by two armed men at Compton and Chouteau avenues at 7 p. m.

FLYING AT SCOTT FIELD IS OFFICIALLY SUSPENDED

300 Officers and Men Will Remain All Winter to Care for Site and Equipment.

With the departure Saturday of Squadrons A and B, about 250 men, from Scott Field, there now remain at the flying field near Belleville less than 400 men of the 900 stationed there when the post was on a war basis.

Flying has been officially suspended. It was said at the post today that after this week only the 300 officers and men who will remain all winter to care for the field and its equipment will be left.

Scott Field, which embraces 640 acres, was leased by the Government and on the site 58 buildings were erected at a cost estimated at more than \$1,000,000. Flying began a year ago last September and since then more than 250 pilots have been graduated.

ILLINOISAN OUT OF GERMANY

Murphyboro Man in Copenhagen After Two Years' Effort, Wife Hears.

MURPHYBORO, Ill., Dec. 10.—J. H. Cooney of Murphyboro cabled his wife that after two years' unsuccessful efforts he has succeeded in leaving Germany and is at Copenhagen, Denmark, en route home. When the war began Cooney was general European representative of the International Harvester Co. and divided his residence between Berlin and Vienna.

The food situation became acute and he sent his wife and daughter to the United States. He remained. Efforts since to locate him were unavailing and it is believed he was interned.

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LLOYD GEORGE ASKS VOTES FOR BRITISH WOMEN

Advocates Equal Pay for Equal Work and Equality in Marriage Laws at Big Gathering.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 9.—Premier Lloyd George at a great meeting in Albert Hall today made an appeal for the votes for women. The meeting was attended exclusively by women and the guard of honor was made up of members of various uniformed women's organizations.

The Premier pointed out that between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 women would have a direct influence on the legislation of the future which would largely depend on how they voted.

"If you suspect any man of going to the peace conference with war in his heart," said the Premier, "vote against him. The coming peace must make war difficult, if not impossible.

"Those who made the war must pay the penalty. The higher they are the more the reason why they should be punished. The German people must also be made to pay the penalty. If it is an easy peace it will not be a just peace."

The Premier said he was a believer in a league of nations, because, while he could not say it would prevent war, it would add to the difficulties of making war. Huge armies which tempted rulers to war must not be allowed to continue.

He declared himself in favor of "equal rights for women as well as equal pay for equal work and equality in the marriage laws."

Tories Pressing Lloyd George for Specific Peace Demands

BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG, A Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

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LONDON, Dec. 9.—Premier Lloyd George has a rough week ahead. In the few days intervening before the polling begins next Saturday he must go still stronger in his declaration regarding the indemnity to be demanded from Germany, as well as make an unequivocal statement regarding punishment for the Kaiser and his policy toward expelling Germans from Great Britain if he pays heed to articles in the Tory press, which is supporting him.

Eight billions pounds (\$40,000,000,000), according to a report, is the indemnity this country wants to collect from Germany, but this ante has already been raised by ten billion pounds (\$50,000,000,000), and undoubtedly it is the intention of those whose Shylock knives are keenest to have the Premier state flatly how much he means to demand at the Peace Conference. They await a definite statement before he sees President Wilson.

Fear Wilsonian Spell.

The announcement after the Inter-Allied Conference that nothing will be decided until President Wilson has been conferred with by unanimous action, has been interpreted as the antidote for Spanish influenza.

In Ireland the same old arguments have been used in certain places, including bad eggs and stout clubs, but for the most part the campaign has been marked by healing and reconciliation, which are sure to reach the acute stage in the next few days.

Indications are favorable for a further increase in labor representation, though it is practically certain that Toryism will be strongly entrenched in the House of Commons when the polling ends. It will be a short-lived Parliament and labor leaders predict that there will be a great reaction later and a subsequent Parliament controlled by labor.

Premier Lloyd George addressed an audience of all women here yesterday, ostensibly to stimulate feminine interest in the election, for except in a few constituencies, the women are apathetic. Of the women candidates, Christabel Pankhurst is believed to have the best chance of election, but the Pankhurst faction is not representative of England.

Another former militant of the Pankhurst faction running is Mrs. Packer Fox, who is declaiming loudly for the expulsion of all Germans, even if they have lived in Britain for half a century, and also for an indemnity from Germany up to the limit.

League of Nations Issue.

Foreign Secretary Balfour resurrected the league of nations issue by frankly stating to the American press on Friday that it is the most important object of the peace conference.

Taking the same attitude, ex-Premier Asquith gave warning Saturday that the surest means of combatting the menace confronting the peace conference is the refusal of understanding with the United States.

In his recent speeches Lloyd George tried to answer the charges of reaction made against him and, with the Liberal-Labor pressure increasing, may have his hands full before the polling and state his position in this connection. Even some of his staunch supporters are becoming "fed up" with concentration.

There will be much attention in the future of the Kaiser and the size of the indemnity.

REGIMENTS FROM FRONT IN BERLIN TO KEEP ORDER

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raided by order of the Ebert-Haase Cabinet.

Units of the hotel were guarded by troops and the premises were searched on the strength of rumors that plotters were concealed there. In one of the large apartments the raiders found 22 men suspected with complicity in Friday's raid. Among them were Baron Rheinbaben, former Prussian Minister of Finance, and the younger Prince Hohenlohe. A number of students were found in the room. The entire party is under detention. Three hundred guns which were found in an adjoining chamber were seized.

Count Matuschka, one of those alleged to have been involved in Friday's disorders, has not yet been arrested.

Self-Styled American a Leader in Berlin Uprising

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 8.—The leaders in the attempt to arrest the Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, according to an announcement issued today, were William J. Martin and two German friends, named Von Rheinbaben and Matuschka.

Counter Revolutionary Movement Reported in Potsdam

By the Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—A counter revolutionary movement in full swing at Potsdam, according to Berlin dispatches to the National Tidende. The Soldiers' and Workers' Council at Hamburg has announced the discovery of a plot for a counter revolutionary coup there on Monday night. It was planned by the members of the Soldiers' and Workers' Council, repress the workers by armed force and re-establish the former authorities.

Several conspirators, including prominent newspaper men and Herr Richter, former member of the Reichstag, have been arrested.

Bavarian Council Angered Over Attack on Minister Auer

By the Associated Press.

MUNICH, Sunday, Dec. 8.—The Ministerial Council of the people of the State of Bavaria has made known officially its anger over the attack on Herr Auer, Friday night, when a mob of armed soldiers forced his resignation as Bavarian Minister of the Interior at the point of a pistol.

The announcement goes on to say that the explanation forced from Herr Auer under duress, "is naturally void and the Minister remains a member of the Government" and is signed: "Government of all the people of the State of Bavaria," Kurt Eisner, Minister President.

Conference in Treves to Prolong the Armistice

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN via Amsterdam, Dec. 3.—Mathias Erzberger, head of the German armistice delegation, announced today that the French Government has requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding the prolongation of the armistice. Delegates will meet at Treves in Rhineland Prussia, Dec. 12 and 13.

Premier Eisner Warns Bavarians Troops Must Maintain Order

By the Associated Press.

MUNICH, Sunday, Dec. 8.—In a statement today Premier Eisner calls on the people of Bavaria to maintain strict order. He says that disturbances such as the one that occurred Friday night cannot be tolerated and that the troops assigned to preserve order have been instructed to use their weapons ruthlessly if necessary.

The Premier adds that he is confident that the trouble which led to the attack on Herr Auer, the Minister of the Interior, arose through newspaper bickerings over himself and Auer, who was defeated for the Premiership by Eisner. Nevertheless, the Premier refuses to curtail the freedom of the press. In reply to a newspaper which urged to follow this course, he said:

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PRESSURE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE ON FRIDAY

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tee, but the President's idea is that the procedure could be much the same as at Washington, a committee considering the confidential and delicate features of various questions and then reporting back to the peace congress for action.

Late yesterday the President unexpectedly attended songfest in the enlisted men's hall, where afterwards he shook hands with the officers and sailors. The President was given three cheers and a "viva."

The weather is warm and the sea is calm.

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U. S. ARMY AT RHINE, PERSHING REPORTS

German Newspaper Men Called to Conference at Our Headquarters in Treves.

By the Associated Press.

COBLENZ, Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 p. m.—Coblenz tonight is under the complete military control of the Americans, with the municipal authorities co-operating.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The American Army of Occupation marching into Germany has reached the Rhine. Gen. Pershing under date of last night reported:

"The American Third Army, continuing its advance into Germany to date reached the Rhine from Rolandseck to Brehl, and at nightfall was on the general line: Rolandseck-Brehl-Wassenach - Munstermaifeld-Rheinbollen."

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 9.—American forces entered Mayen, near Coblenz, on Friday. This was reported by the Wolff Bureau of Berlin as an entry into Mayence.

The Wolff Bureau reports that newspaper representatives at Treves called at American headquarters there Dec. 4 at the request of American commander. They were told that the Americans wished to avoid interference with the liberty of the press and the public generally and were assured that there was a desire that matters would remain normal in the city.

Order Restored in Cologne After Rioting

By the Associated Press.

COLOGNE, Saturday, Dec. 7.—Order has been re-established in Cologne as the result of the arrival of an advance guard of British troops. There had been several days of the keenest anxiety in the city caused by extensive riots and pillaging on the part of mobs of the lower classes, with attendant bloodshed when the turbulent element clashed with hastily organized guards of responsible citizens armed with rifles and machine guns.

The disorders began Wednesday night after the withdrawal of the German troops from the city. They continued the next night in various quarters on a large scale. Much damage was done to property and a large quantity of goods was stolen from the stores.

According to Burgomaster Adenauer the rising was due to the inability of the poor to obtain food and clothing owing to the scarcity of these necessities. He thought there was little reason to doubt, however, that the trouble also was due in part to the freshly inculcated Bolshevik idea among the population that it was needless to work any longer. With the removal of the restraint exercised by the presence of the German troops the overwrought nerves of the people seemed to have given way and they went out to take forcibly what they were unable to buy.

The regular police were unable to handle the situation and 3000 of the citizens were called and armed by the burgomaster to maintain order. A fight between the rioters and this civic guard resulted in several of the rioters being killed. The burgomaster finding that the conditions continued to be grave, then applied to the armistice commission to hasten the allied occupation of the city.

The troubles ceased with the appearance of the troops yesterday. Today a cordon of British forces was thrown out from the city along the Rhine.

Affairs in Cologne now are moving smoothly, to all outward appearance. Burgomaster Adenauer, however, told the correspondent that the city was facing starvation, as only one week's supply of food was in sight. Other German cities, he declared were in equally dire straits, being unable to obtain food quickly and not knowing what might happen as the result of the scarcity, while fresh supplies, he declared, could be obtained only from the allied countries.

"We have been enemies, but for the love of humanity, come to our aid now," the burgomaster urged vehemently.

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CITY BUDGET FOR AFTER-WAR WORK GIVEN TO MAYOR

\$34,107,700 Building Program, \$12,000,000 in Excess of Amount Municipality Can Legally Issue.

COMMITTEES TO PUT ESTIMATES IN LIMIT

Park Development Proposals Embrace Purchase of Federal League Baseball Ground and Its Conversion.

At the first meeting of the Citizens' Committee, appointed by Mayor Kiel to consider the advisability of submitting a bond issue for public improvements at the next April election, heads of city departments yesterday afternoon submitted a budget which would call for \$34,107,700 bond issue.

It will be necessary for the committee to reduce this amount about \$12,000,000, as under the charter, according to a report by Comptroller Nolte, the city would not be legally authorized to issue additional bonds beyond approximately \$23,000,000.

The budget as prepared by heads of departments is as follows:

Budget Submitted	
Improvement of River des Peres	\$11,780,000
Repair and construction of sewers	5,665,000
Parks and playgrounds	6,095,500
Municipal convention hall	2,500,000
Municipal farm	700,000
Robert Koch Hospital improvements	200,000
Municipal railroad and docks	2,100,000
Elimination of grade crossings	3,142,200
City's share of street openings	600,000
Garbage reduction plant	550,000
Department of Streets and Sewers	450,000
New fire engine houses	200,000
Municipal garage	125,000
Additional cells in city jail	100,000

Total \$34,107,700. J. Lawrence Maurer, of 40 Vandeventer place, an architect, who formerly was president of the American Institute of Architecture, was made chairman of the committee, which will hold a second meeting at 4 p. m., Thursday. Subcommittees will be appointed to consider the estimates submitted by the heads of departments. In each instance the department head making the estimate will be a member of the subcommittee, but in no case will a department head be a subcommittee chairman.

President Kinsey of the Board of Public Service, in opening the meeting as temporary chairman, said St. Louis had not kept up with other cities in issuing bonds for needed improvements. The debt of St. Louis, he said, was only 3 1/2 per cent of its assessed property valuation, whereas some other cities had debts running as high as 11 per cent.

After the war expansion and reconstruction, he said, would cause keen competition between cities and St. Louis must not fall behind in the march of progress.

It was made clear at the meeting that the advisability of submitting a bond issue is still under consideration and that it is part of the committee's duty to decide whether this shall be done.

The Park Department budget includes a recommendation for the expenditure of \$150,000 to purchase the old Federal League baseball park at Grand and Laclede avenues for use as a city park. Other expenditures suggested are \$300,000 for the establishment of a new park in South St. Louis between Tower Grove and Canfield Parks, and \$400,000 for a large park and recreation center in the central part of the city between twentieth street and Grand avenue. It also is proposed to expend \$350,000 on an open-air swimming pool at Twenty-third and O'Fallon streets.

The suggested River des Peres budget includes \$9,250,000 for sewers, channels and viaducts along the stream and \$900,000 for a boulevard along the cover which it is proposed to build over it.

Of the proposed sewer appropriation, \$600,000 would be used for the reconstruction of worn-out sewers and the remainder extension of new sewers and the making of new outlets.

President Kinsey recommended the creation of a fund of \$450,000 or the requirements of the Department of Streets and Sewers. Street Director Talbert said a part of this fund could be used to advantage for the replacement of streets which have been worn out by general traffic.

Details of Budget. The details of the budgets recommended for the various city departments are as follows:

Park Department—Completing present equipment, \$62,500; sewers and drainage, \$25,000; landscape gardening, \$402,000; greenhouses, \$40,000; shaping grounds, \$150,000; land for new playgrounds and extensions, \$1,425,000; equipment of playgrounds, \$800,000; central southern recreation field and equipment, \$900,000.

Five St. Louis Corporals Who Were Killed in Action



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River des Peres—Sewer, channel and viaducts, \$9,250,000; driveway, \$900,000; Ellendale and Lindenwood highway, \$540,000; municipal railroad, \$1,000,000.

Sewers—Outlets along river, \$200,000; extensions North Baden, \$300,000; Harlem, \$225,000; Wherry, \$120,000; Relief, Mill Creek laterals, western extension, \$1,000,000; Ohio-Montrose, \$400,000; Rock Springs, \$125,000; Camp Springs, \$550,000; Compton avenue, \$300,000; Rocky Branch (city's share), \$425,000; southern Arsenal (city's share), \$1,100,000; Ferry street (city's share), \$60,000; additional street inlets, \$150,000; reconstruction of worn-out sewers, \$600,000.

Municipal Railroads and Docks—Arsenal street to River des Peres, \$1,100,000; docks, \$1,000,000.

Grade Crossing Elimination and Viaducts (city's share)—Elevation of Poplar street tracks, \$425,000; Fourteenth street viaduct, \$210,000; Ewing avenue viaduct, \$80,000; Spring avenue viaduct, \$59,000; Mackinac avenue viaduct, \$70,000; Billow avenue viaduct, \$100,000; Southwest avenue viaduct, \$336,000; Arsenal street viaduct, \$77,000; Flyer avenue viaduct reconstruction, \$133,000; raising Missouri Pacific tracks at Southwest and McCausland avenues, \$49,700; elevation Kirkwood-Carondelet branch, Missouri Pacific, \$200,000; Robert avenue viaduct, \$29,000; elevation Oak Hill tracks, \$240,000; Flyer avenue subway, \$11,000; reconstruction Southwest avenue bridge, \$15,500; King's highway viaduct, \$150,000; Shaw avenue viaduct, \$70,000; elevating Washburn tracks, \$170,000; Taylor avenue viaduct, \$40,000; depressing Washburn tracks, \$600,000; Marcus avenue viaduct, \$33,000; Birch street viaduct, \$55,000; King's highway-Territorial Railroad viaduct, \$57,000; Goodfellow avenue subway, \$18,500; reconstruction Washburn bridge, Broadway, \$8000; reconstruction Washburn bridge, Tracy road, \$6000.

SIX MEN OF 89TH NAMED AS KILLED IN MEUSE BATTLE

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4760 Alaska avenue. His death was previously reported by a relative in Belleville, and it was made to appear that his home was there. He was a St. Louis house painter, formerly a salesman in the music department of the Grand-Leader. He was burned by mustard gas in an earlier engagement, and had returned from a hospital only a few weeks before his death.

Leo J. Kennedy, 29, of the 354th, was killed in action Nov. 4, according to a notification to his sister, Miss May Kennedy of 4544 A Page boulevard. Two other brothers are in the navy.

Corp. Stanley W. Wilhelm, 22, of G Company, 138th Infantry, was killed in action Sept. 25, according to a notification to his father, Louis Wilhelm, of 4765 Delmar boulevard, from the Red Cross. He formerly was a clerk in the employ of the Racquet Club before he enlisted in June, 1917.

Charles Neuman, 23, of the 167th

CAPT. ARTHUR WEAR'S DEATH SELF INFLICTED

Fought With Great Gallantry—Shot Himself While Suffering From Illness.

By CLAIR KENAMORE, Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Brother officers of the Eighty-ninth Division are expressing the deepest sympathy for the relatives of Capt. Arthur Yancey Wear of L Company, 356th Infantry, who killed himself Nov. 3, during an attack of illness, while commanding a battalion of his regiment in action on the Meuse.

Capt. Wear had made an excellent record in the St. Mihiel fighting. He became ill with stomach trouble while the regiment was moving to the Meuse, and was sent to a hospital. In his anxiety to rejoin his command he left the hospital without medical permission, and returning to the front lines, went into battle. His fearlessness in exposing himself to danger attracted attention.

During the fighting his illness retarded his movements, and he was unable to retain nourishment. It is presumed that growing weaker and fearing that he would not be able to remain with his men, Capt. Wear shot himself.

Capt. Wear's St. Louis residence was at 412 Union boulevard. News of his death reached his relatives here Nov. 25, in a cablegram from Maj. Wilson Potter, ordnance officer with the Eighty-ninth Division, who cabled, "Deepest sympathy. Take care of everything. Mailing details." Maj. Potter has since arrived in the United States, and has communicated with the relatives. Capt. Wear was a Yale graduate, and was in the dry goods commission business before entering the service.

wounded in action Sept. 27, his mother, Mrs. M. Hinely of 3674 Linden street, was notified since Oct. 2. He wrote Nov. 2 that he had been gassed while acting as a battalion runner.

Leland P. Cottin of C Company, 354th Infantry, of 7016 Michigan avenue, in a letter to his sister, dated Nov. 5, said he was shot in the left hip Nov. 2. He said: "I was standing up, shooting at a couple of Huns, when a bullet struck me in the hip. I was lucky that I wasn't killed."

Corp. William D. Will Jr., 39, of C Company, 138th, is named in a notification to his parents, living at 1932 Palm street, as having been wounded in the first draft, and was written his father, E. F. Cushing of 26 East Rosemont avenue, Webster Groves, that he was wounded by fragments of a high explosive shell, the evening of Oct. 7, while he was reconnoitering in the woods, trying to find a place free from gas, for his men. His chief wounds were in the stomach and in the left leg below the knee. He was sent to Base Hospital 20, in Southern France. He is a graduate of the Webster Groves High School, and was a student at the Officers' Training Camp. A younger brother, E. F. Cushing Jr., was in the Medical Corps, and was sent to an officers' training school recently.

Says Wounds Are Slight.

John A. McNamara, 24, of C Company, 138th, listed as wounded, is named in an official notification to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNamara of 3917 North Twentieth street, as having been wounded slightly. He has written that he was wounded in the right shoulder and arm, and the right leg. He formerly worked for city contractors. A brother, Corp. Robert McNamara, is in Camp Funston.

James J. Kerr, 23, of D Company, 138th, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerr of 5321 Goodfellow place, listed as wounded, is named in a notification that he was wounded in the leg and the arm by shrapnel. He was formerly an employee of the Simmons Hardware Co., and has a brother, William, in the service overseas.

Corp. Wilbur Ashley of E Company, 138th, was gassed and wounded Sept. 30, his father J. Ashley of 6904 Nashville avenue, was notified. He is a former employee of the Steel Co., and served with the First Regiment on the border.

Ira Rausch, 22, of I Company, 138th, was severely wounded in action, Sept. 26, a telegram informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rausch of 5627 Reber place. He was formerly an elevator operator in the Railway Exchange Building.

Man of 354th Missing.

Arthur L. Baldwin, 27, of E Company, 354th, reported missing in action since Oct. 6, is the son of Mrs. Mary Baldwin of 3710 Laclede avenue, and was in the first draft here.

Lloyd Moffett, member of an engineer regiment, son of Leslie Moffett of 4489 Washington boulevard, was wounded severely in action by fragments from a high explosive shell.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS ASKED

Preliminary to the solicitation of American Red Cross members, next week, the St. Louis Chapter has announced a two-day volunteer period. To those who thus enroll a special badge is to be given, in addition to the regular Red Cross membership button, window service flag and the additional crosses for each household member.

The days set apart for this enrollment are next Saturday and Sunday. Reminders are to be placed in every home in the city, county and in East St. Louis, which are embraced in the local chapter area, by posters, and by children, the latter under auspices of the school system and by Boy Scouts.

SAYS WIFE IS EXTRAVAGANT

Paul O. Werner, a traveling salesman, yesterday filed suit to divorce Frances C. Werner, 5630 Pershing avenue, alleging that while he was drawing a salary of \$18 a week she insisted on living at a \$5-a-day hotel. He also charges that she spent money extravagantly for finery, jewelry and other articles, and that they removed six times in nine months because she was dissatisfied.

They were married April 24, 1911, and separated last Saturday.



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Post-Dispatch

666 NEW INFLUENZA CASES AND 58 DEATHS

Dancing in Hotels and Cafes Again Prohibited, but Dance Halls May Continue.

The number of new cases of influenza further declined today, yet yesterday the number of deaths from influenza (58) set a new mark for any 24-hour period since the start of the emergency on Oct. 7.

The previous record had been 55 deaths, on Dec. 6. In addition, there were 24 deaths from pneumonia yesterday, making the total from pneumonia causes \$2, also a new record. The highest record of pneumonia deaths previously had been 74, on Dec. 6.

The number of deaths from all causes yesterday was 122, compared to 21 on the same date last year. There were 666 new cases tabulated at 11 a. m. for the 24 hours previous, compared with 701 for the same hour yesterday. The total number of cases reported since Oct. 7 is 29,026.

The decline is further emphasized by the fact that the Tuesdays during the emergency have shown a total markedly higher than the week's daily average, due to late reports from Sunday, and the absence of any great total today is looked upon by the Health Department as a good augury.

Ban on Dancing in Hotels and Cafes.

The police last night, upon receipt of a letter from the Health Commissioner urging tighter enforcement of the regulations of Nov. 27, closed public dance halls and stopped dancing in hotels and cafes. The Health Commissioner said "day that he had made no new order against dancing and that the order of Nov. 27 had not contemplated interference with public dance halls where the established business of hotels and cafes, and tended to cause people to linger and hence was not to be permitted. His letter to the Acting Chief of Police follows:

"During the emergency of the influenza epidemic in the city an order was issued prohibiting banquets, special dinners, dinner dances or special features which attracted gatherings. It is important for us to know what gatherings or special features are continued by various restaurants, cafes, hotels and clubs."

"Now it is absolutely imperative that the order be lived up to and I will be compelled to hold the management of the place, upon a report from the Police Department, responsible for the enforcement of this order. I will instruct your officers to again inform such places that these features must be discontinued or I will be compelled, upon information, to close them up. This is covered by sections 8 and 9 of the regulations."

Section 8 of the Nov. 27 regulations prohibits "all special inducements in establishments that tend to attract a large number of people to gather." Section 9 prohibits "all undue congestion in places where people are accustomed to gather."

Instruction of the two upper classes of six public high schools was resumed yesterday under permit of the Health Commissioner. Dr. Withers, Superintendent of Schools, said that the normal attendance to gather these two classes in all the high schools is about 2000. He said that more than 1900 had returned to their work this morning, a fact pleasing to himself and the Board of Education.

Mother, Son and Daughter Are Dead of Influenza.

The bodies of Mrs. Clara Breunig, wife of Anton Breunig, 2585 West Herbert street, her son, Edward, 5 years old, and her daughter, Dolores, 4 years old, all of whom died of influenza, will be forwarded to Hermann, Mo., for interment. The boy died at 4:45 a. m. Friday, the mother at 3:30 a. m. Friday and the daughter at 3:15 p. m. Sunday. An older daughter, Agnes, and a 6-month-old baby are ill with influenza at St. Mary's Infirmary.

EX-KING'S PICTURE ORDERED DOWN FROM SHINE SHOP WALL

Department of Justice Acts on Excise Commissioner's Complaint That Constantine Was Pro-German.

Excise Commissioner Lewis was having his shoes shined yesterday at the shine shop of Will Geo. Gougeon, 217 1/2 North Twelfth street, when his roving eye fell upon a portrait of former King Constantine of Greece. He asked Will how about it, reminding him that Constantine had been pro-German and the posting of his picture was, therefore, an act of disloyalty.

Will did not agree at all. He said Constantine was all right. He had been for the allies. In fact, he said, Constantine was "a regular Woodrow Wilson," and he could not think of taking him down.

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NEW YORK GREETED 3 SHIPLOADS OF OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Whistles Blow Continuously and Crowds Cheer When 2200 Men From France Are Landed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—New York welcomed home yesterday more than 2200 wounded American soldiers, representing virtually every State in the Union. The men came on three ships—the United States transport Sierra, which carried about 1500 officers and men; the United States hospital ship Comfort, which carried 400, and the French liner Chicago, which carried 260.

All of the ships were cheered by crowds which lined the water front and clustered on house tops. Crowds in the harbor tied down their whistles to augment the welcoming din, and fireboats shot streams of water high into the air while a police patrol boat bearing Mayor Hylan's welcoming committee, circled about, radiographing greetings.

Two military bands played patriotic airs when the ships came to dock. Red Cross workers rushed aboard to serve sandwiches, coffee, candy and "smokes" to the returning soldiers.

The Comfort, which left St. Naire Nov. 22, reported a rough voyage and for several days during the storm no wireless communication could be established. She had on board 149 stretcher cases and one death occurred during the voyage.

Many of the men who arrived today were members of the American Division and Marines who had been wounded in the American thrust at Chateau-Thierry.

DR. ROSCOE C. HASKELL NAMED HEAD OF NEGRO CITY HOSPITAL

Institution to Open Jan. 1 Will Have 500 Beds, 16 Internes and 56 Nurses.

Hospital Commissioner Shutt today appointed Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell to the position of chief physician, to be superintendent of the new city hospital for negroes, which will be opened at Garrison and Lawton avenues, Jan. 1.

Dr. Haskell is a graduate of Howard University and served as intern at the Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and the General Hospital, Kansas City. He will take special training at the city hospital before entering on his new duties, and will receive \$1800 a year and living expenses.

Sixteen internes and 56 nurses, all negroes, will be appointed as staff for the new hospital, which will have 500 beds. The negro patients at the city hospital, numbering about 150, will be removed to the new hospital Jan. 1. A training school for negro nurses will be operated in connection with it.

The property, formerly the Centenary Hospital, was purchased by the city for \$63,500, and its equipment will cost \$13,000. The cost of operating it will be about \$96,000 a year. The city has been spending an average \$50,000 a year for the care of negro patients at the city hospital.

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89 PER CENT OF DEATHS ON CASUALTY LISTS

Total Casualties of All Classes
Listed to Date Are 48 Per
Cent of Entire Number.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The official casualty list issued today shows 5194 army casualties, divided as follows: Killed in action, 432; died from wounds, 55; died of disease,

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164; died from accident and other causes, 6; died of airplane accident, 1; missing in action, 547; wounded severely, 778; wounded, degree undetermined, 332; wounded slightly, 376.
This increases the number of army casualties thus far listed to 123,064, and with the addition of the 4758 Marine Corps casualties, to 127,822 for both branches. This is 48 per cent of the entire number to be listed, which has been announced as approximately 264,886. The number of deaths listed, including those of today's list, is 50,473, or 89 per cent of the total number of deaths to be listed, which is 56,478. Names from St. Louis and vicinity, Missouri and Illinois outside of Chicago and suburbs, are:

St. Louis and Vicinity.
Killed in action—Corp. James M. Dunavan, 614 Lami street; Corp. Lawrence G. Wells, 3509 St. Louis avenue; Corp. Andrew P. Dunker, 227 Adela avenue, Luxembourg (previously announced); Corp. Frank T. McGowan, 1444 North Twenty-second street; Corp. James W. Kelleher, 6510 Bartmer avenue; Stanley W. Wilhelm, 4705 Delmar boulevard; Louis F. Zink, 2514 South Third street (previously announced); Leo J. Kennedy, 4851 St. Louis avenue; William C. McVey, 2632A Park avenue; Sam Buchman, 5744 Garfield avenue; Richard B. Flynn, 3745 Finney avenue (previously announced); George J. Smith, 4750 Alaska avenue (previously announced) with Belleville address.
Died from wounds, Sergt. Elbert L. Smith, 4119 Kossuth avenue.
Died of disease, Lieut. Byron B. Carmichael, 724 North Fifteenth street; Lieut. St. Louis (previously announced); Elijah Peppers, Madison (previously announced).
Missing in action, Corp. William D. Will, 1937 Palm street; Corp. Chester Albert, 3505 Utah street; Corp. Henry E. Stout, 921 Clark avenue; Lee Skyles, 4119 Vista avenue; David Whitley, 3005 Kossuth avenue; Harry M. Eudaley, 4250A Cook avenue (previously announced); Arthur L. Baldwin, 3710 Laclede avenue; Elmer Erkert, 3341 Minnesota street; Earnest Stoner, Watson (previously reported wounded severely).
Wounded severely, Lieut. John B. Cushing, Webster Groves; Lieut. Alois G. Neuwirth, 3501 Kingsland place; Corp. Joseph Dwan, 4039 North Broadway; Corp. Norman Quasebarth, 3863 Wyoming street; Mechanic George Underwood, 1809 Exchange avenue, East St. Louis; Mechanic Peter M. Griffin, 1121 Armstrong avenue; Howard Wall, 281 Franklin avenue; Roscoe C. Poole, 902 East Fifty-eighth street; Alton; Paul E. Meyer, 3947 Labadie avenue; William Endejan, 4431 Connecticut street; John A. McNamara, 3922 North Twentieth street; James J. Kerr, 5221 Goodfellow avenue; Russell Gray, 1132 Gaty avenue, East St. Louis; Albert B. Harper, 728 Clara avenue (previously announced); Walter Lauth, 108 South Chestnut street; Collinsville; Gordon M. Crook, 356 North Twenty-sixth street, East St. Louis.

Wounded, degrees undetermined, Lieut. Leon B. Collier, Kirkwood; Mechanic George E. Braunbeck, 2010 North Fourteenth street; George Rice, 2715 Market street; Floyd B. Harris, 3046 Thomas street; Peter C. Morton, 4402 Pennsylvania avenue; John P. O'Donnell, 930 North Sixth street; Carl H. Arndt, 4452 Ashland avenue; Lonnie Fisher, Sentinel (previously reported missing).
Wounded slightly, Corp. William L. Sullivan, 4435 Kossuth avenue; Mechanic Oscar H. Jett, 2809 Henrietta street; Emory Southard, Edwardsville; Anton Sedor, 7009 Pennsylvania avenue.

Missouri.
Killed in action—Sergt. James S. Trabue, Pleasant Hill; Sergt. Frank O. Keeger, Nevada; Corp. Charles H. Brendle, McCable; Fitzhugh L. Richards, Bevier; Corp. Guy B. Crutchfield, Kennett; Clyde A. Gipsom, Purdy; George W. Benline, Springfield; Corp. Gus S. Farrar, Windsor; Corp. Edward Kahre, Hoberg; Corp. Fred G. Lott, Kansas City; George D. Beaver, Granby; Gustave Janzen, Kansas City; Arthur E. Lasher, Lousberg; Albert J. Anderson, Osborn; Harry P. Brunner, Kansas City; Joseph H. Crouch, Odessa.
Died of wounds—Clarence Howarth, Hannibal; Edgar A. Smith, Galena; August F. Unnewehr, Harrisville.

Died of disease—Lawrence E. Courdin, Purdy; Joseph C. Thurman, Wright City; Flaville E. Law, Kansas City.
Missing in action—Lieut. William E. Scott, Kansas City; Corp. Thomas W. Mitchell, Weston; Corp. Leonard H. Steffens, Lexington; Herman J. Partel, Jerald; George A. Davis, Carthage; John E. Witte, Joplin; Elmer A. Sprague, Kansas; Thomas R. Bean, Bolivar; Claud Crockett, Sullivan; Albert L. Flischer, Williams; Ben F. Maddux, Richmond; Henry Tatey, Lexington; Robert T. Vonortzen, Fayette; Grover R. Henderson, Curryville; Alfred W. Reynolds, Seligman; George L. Russell, Iatan; William C. White, Westfork; Roy U. King, Cape Girardeau; Sam Politte, Potosi; Silas Redman, Flat River; Marshall E. Thurman, Joplin; William C. Lacy, Campbell; Herbert Pack, Sikeston; Omar A. Peirce, Marblehill; Joseph J. Porter, Farmington; Fred J. Reynolds, Kansas City; J. C. Derr, Laplata; William A. Eggers, Jefferson City; Jasper F. Falk, Boone Tere.
Wounded severely—Lieut. Joseph C. Caldwell, Marble Hill; Sergt. Edgar B. Barnett, Bethany; Sergt. E. Schulte, High Gate; Sergt. Joseph V. Roche, Kansas City; Sergt. Pleas McCann, Centralia; Corp. E. F. Kueck, Stover; Percy R. Harpster, Mountain Grove; Robert L. Merrell, La Belle; George B. Tate, Maryville; Joseph L. Worth, Biehle; Loddy E. Wizeorek, St. Joseph; Henry J. Woodson, Old Monroe; Charles V. Maxwell, Burlington Junction; Gus A. Anderson, St. Joseph; John F. Grief, St. Joseph; Batista Moley, Kansas City; John H. Schierloh, Higginsville; Irvan Pyett, Franklavy; Walter H. Perdue, Linden; James O. Bailey, Vebey; Ira T. Cox, Jasper; Lawrence Hopper, Bates City; Willie R. Cobb, Blodgett; John H. Forsythe, Kansas City; Samuel J.

Wall, Faucet; Edgar M. Brown, St. Charles; Clark Day, Mount Airy; William L. Woolsey, Eagus; John Hansen, Barnard; Anton Heustedde, Campbell; William Jordan, Wellington.
Wounded (degree undetermined)—Corp. Forest L. Spidle, Gallatin; Corp. Albert A. Brown, Donphan; Corp. Paul J. Kuehnert, Wittenberg; Garnett G. Thompson, Bowling Green; Robert L. Tindler, Tracy; Thomas W. Wright, Fayette; Musclican Henry P. Thomas, Shelby; Chris H. Brauer, Florence; Otto A. Pirrung, Medoc; Ernest H. Magee, Carrollton; Edward R. Maloney, Cora; Eugene U. Still, Kirksville; William A. Thomas, Urbana; Emmett R. Hartnett, Preston; Freddie Keetman, Old Monroe; James K. Cunningham, Donphan; John A. Anders, Calhoun; Paul Arbo, Brownville; George H. W. Schumacher, Washington; Clarence R. Schneider, Oregon; Glenn P. Lawson, Kansas City; Granville E. Sisco, Frisk; Reuben S. Templeton, Eugene; Lee Wood, Joplin; Irving M. Baker, Newburg; Harold W. Carter, Savannah; Roy Connor, St. Joseph; Johnnie C. Newkirk, Novelty; George Potheas, Kansas City; Henry C. Lane, Joplin; Charlie D. Flynn, Jameson; Harold R. Monroe, Kansas City; Lovell G. Thickstun, Spickard; John W. Bradshaw, Antonio.
Wounded slightly—Sergt. John F. O'Flaherty, Kansas City; Corp. Lewis S. Brown, Dexter; Corp. Ray Graham, Brumley; Corp. Allen Givens, Essex; Bugler Calvin H. Blackford, St. Joseph; Cook Viver Granzella, Kansas City; Len D. Kerr, Kansas City; Herman F. Behrens, Turney; Alvin B. Bowen, St. Joseph; Patrick J. McDermott, Landing; Lucy B. Jach, Windsor; George T. McCaul, Wellsville; Edward Southern, Kansas City; Ralph Webb, Ladonia; James Holmes, Hawkpoint; George B. Clements, Alexandria, Illinois.

Killed in action—Sergt. James W. Reeder, Garrett; Sergt. Wilfred E. Crane, Whittington; Sergt. Ulysses C. Fletcher, Ridge Farm; Corp. Forrest Goffnet, Pana; Corp. Frank

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Said That Epidemic Cost More Lives Than American Loss in Battle. Danger Not Over. Great Care Necessary to Prevent Further Outbreak.

The appalling ravages of Spanish influenza in this country are perhaps best realized by the statement recently made that more deaths have resulted in this more than a month from this disease than through our whole sixteen months participation in the battles of the European War.

Our greatest danger now, declare authorities, is the great American tendency to forget easily and to believe the peril is over. Competent authorities claim the coming cold weather is very apt to bring a return of this disease and there should be no let-up throughout the winter months of the following year by observed precautions, remembering that influenza is far easier to prevent than cure.

Influenza is a crowd disease, and crowds as much as possible. Influenza germs spread when ignorant or careless persons sneeze or cough without using a handkerchief. Cover up each cough or sneeze. Do not spit on the floor, sidewalk, in street, or in public places. Avoid the use of common drinking cups and roller towels in public places. Breathe some reliable germicidal and antiseptic air to destroy the germs that find lodgment in your nose and throat.

Remember, no safer precaution against influenza could be employed in this winter than to get from the nearest drug store a complete Hyomel Quilt, consisting of a bottle of the pure oil of Hyomel and a little vest-pocket hand pump inhaler device, into which a few drops of the oil are poured. You should carry this inhaler about with you during the day and each half hour or so put it in your mouth and draw the breaths of its pure, healing germ killing air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs.

By destroying germs before they actually begin work in your blood, you may make yourself practically immune to infection.

All these suggestions about Spanish influenza are equally true in the prevention of colds, catarrh of nose and throat, bronchitis and even pneumonia. Don't become careless. Do your part. Keep germs out of your system. Keep yourself a serious illness and the loss of several weeks' work.

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DEATHS IN TODAY'S
CASUALTY LIST

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Ellis, Rockford; Corp. Harold L. Baldwin, Peoria; Corp. Merrill N. Gutshall, Sheffield; Corp. Roy Porter, Paris; Corp. Charles D. Schick, Billet; Corp. Roy McAdoo, Benton; Corp. Harold E. Moore, Urbana; William H. Zimmerman, Walshville; Lawrence W. Mongerson, St. Charles; Louis R. Eichbichler, Joliet; John T. Chestnut, C. Gorman (previously reported missing); Millard Riley, Ridgway (previously reported missing).

Died from wounds—Isaiah Deckard, Oblong.

Died of disease—William T. George, Morris; John L. Ferrel, Harrisburg; Noah F. Farris, Bethany; Adin J. Freeland, Dalton City; Ned A. Nienaber, Princeton; Wagner A. Randau, North Crystal Lake; Herman H. Stunke, Marengo.

Missing in action—Corp. Karl N. Naumann, Joliet; Edwin C. Gorman, Carbon Cliff; Herman E. Everding, Red Bud; Willia A. Patterson, Blufford; Brownie F. Turner, Stonefort; Stirling E. Field, Galesburg.

Wounded severely—Lieut. Edward J. Lebeau, Kankakee; Lieut. Everett McPeak, Louisville; Sergt. Isaac N. Kemp, Jacksonville; Lylo J. Rolanson, Poplar Grove; Corp. Charles L. Gens, La Salle; Corp. Glenn H. Unger, Mount Morris; Corp. John P. Nelson, Monmouth; Arthur R. Walper, Aurora; Corp. Willie W. Bonnom, Arcola; George E. Kane, Stronghurst; Henry Renner, Aurora; Herman J. Thiele, Perry; William J. Timm, La Salle; Joseph H. White, Bonnie; John L. Kilday, Lena; Ray C. Turner, Danville; Frank G. Burk, Brighton; James H. Cook, Minooka; Albert W. Cyrer, Kankakee; Andrew Ellich, Joliet; George O. Golch, Odell; John D. Moyes, Monmouth; Asa E. Borton, London Mill; Arthur N. Hendrickson, Batavia; Harvey Lentz, Parks; John H. Lowder, Topeka; Mason Perkins, Quincy; George G. Sproule, Saybrook; Leslie A. Vaughn, Griggsville; Clayton F. Bowen, Keokuk; Walter L. Branham, Batchtown; John D. Finley, Ramsey; Henry Homer, Springfield; Crytian Jensen, Woodstock; Ben L. Lambert, Kankakee; Gustave L. Voelker, Troy; James F. Blume, Pekin; Robert T. W. Bradish, Springfield; Daniel Adams, Wagon; Chester C. Brown, Broughton; Ray E. Cole, Hillsdale; Charles R. Purdy, Kewanee; Harry T. Eriandson, Carpentersville; Lester Harrmann, Peoria; Frank J. Hartfield, Aurora.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Lieut. John D. Blount, Streator; Lieut. Clinton Staley, Enfield; Sergt. Michael Fallon, Cherry Valley; Corp. Elmer Hansen, Dwight; Corp. Fred Treadman, Joliet; Wagner William Kuhdanz, Danville; Marcus D. Alston, Monmouth; Amos A. Brookhouse, Cambria; Anthony Scudina, Marion; Gilbert L. Gates, Aurora; Edward D. Gregory, Cornell; George Harrison, Hamburg; Ivan Perrill, Williamsfield; John N. Ramsey, Leam; William Gens, Frankfort; Paul F. Hahn, St. Charles; Elzie R. Bassett, Dallas City; James L. Buchanan, Hull; John T. Gibbons, Buckley; William D. McDonald, Bushnell; Grier Scott, Monmouth; William R. Thornton, Peoria; Otto E. Carr, Deland; Carl G. Dahlgren, Gale; Harry A. Carty, Dwight; Fred W. Hachmeister, Niles Center; Harold Harmon, Mount Carmel (previously reported missing).

Returned to duty, previously reported missing—Frank J. Conckle, Ellsbethtown; Clarence Mullen, Marshall.

Du Quoin Soldier Missing.

Du Quoin, Ill., Dec. 10.—John Maes of this place is reported missing in action in France. He was last heard from in a letter dated Sept. 24 and since then has been over the top several times.



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Sable Marmot Coats, 30 inches long, in a smart full box coat model, \$89.75

Hudson Seal Coatees, with either natural gray squirrel or nutria collars, belted models, \$195.00

Natural Nutria Coats, 30 inches long, large bellows pockets and deep collars and belts, \$225

Siberian Squirrel Coat, beautifully matched skins, \$295

Hudson Seal Coat, 45-inch, with taupe lynx collar, \$395

Hudson Seal and Nutria Coat, 36 inches long; copy of a late imported model, \$295

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Summer Ermine Wrap, very unusual; priced, \$295

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Muffs of Hudson Seal, Kolinsky, taupe and natural nutria, taupe or sable foxes, muskrat and raccoon; priced at \$19.75

Other Muffs in all the popular furs are priced from \$25 to \$79.50

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Beautiful Mink Cape Scarf of fifteen beautifully matched skins, at \$225

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Natural Wolf Set, \$39.75

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Children's or Misses' Muffs in nutria, priced, \$8.95

Children's White Coney Sets at \$2.50

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Natural Muskrat Sets at \$6.95

(Third Floor)

Art Needlework

A Wonderful Shop of Gifts

ALL the little gifts that women enjoy; pretty work boxes, fancy bags, desk sets and lovely luncheon sets are displayed on the tables. It would take but a short time to check off most of the names on your Christmas list here.

Tapestry Scarfs and Velour Scarfs trimmed with gold lace galloon and bands of satin are effective table runners—priced \$2.95 to \$17.95

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Hand-Embroidered Madeira Luncheon Sets—19 and 25 piece sets, with beautifully embroidered designs, at \$19.50

(Main Floor.)

Sterling Silver Rosaries

In Sterling Silver Cases... \$3.50

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Our newly-enlarged Religious Goods Shop is filled with gift suggestions for the Catholic worshiper.

(Second Floor.)

Handkerchiefs

for Holiday Giving

YOU will find wonderful assortments here, for this is the Handkerchief Store of St. Louis. Every kind from the plainest of plain lawns to the most elaborate of real lace handkerchiefs are displayed for Christmas giving.

One Dollar for This Box

It is a fancy box and holds three handkerchiefs. They may be of linen, batiste or lawn and embroidered in white or colors or embroidered in imitation Madeira work. The box of 3 is but \$1.00

Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, \$1.00
All-Linen Handkerchiefs embroidered in white or colors. Half dozen in gift box.

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, 50c Box
These are White Lawn Handkerchiefs embroidered in white or colors. 1/2 dozen in gift box.

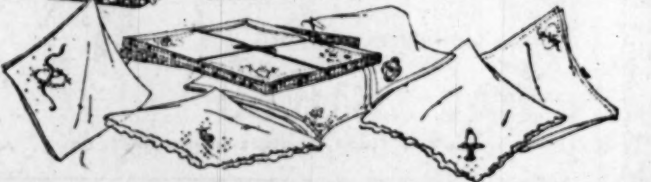
Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 50c Box
Three Handkerchiefs to a box—they are embroidered in white or colors—several different patterns.

Women's Handkerchiefs, 29c Box

3-Initial Handkerchiefs in a fancy box—the hems are hemstitched.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 for \$1.00

Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs with initials in white or colors. (Main Floor.)



Silk Finish Cotton Foulards

32 inches wide

229 Pieces at

15c Yard

THESE goods have just arrived, and if you knew their real worth, the entire lot would be sold in a few hours. They are beautiful silk-finish Cotton Foulards, in the following dark grounds, printed in many different foulard designs—rose, Copenhagen, Alice blue, navy, black or green.

(2d Fl.—Wash Goods Section.)

Fine Silk Stockings for Christmas Giving

WOMEN'S Embroidered Silk Stockings in black, white or colors; the embroidery is in butterfly design, pair, \$2.25

Silk Lace Stockings in many different colors, the pair, \$2.50

Fine plain thread Silk Stockings in the new colors as well as black and white, the pair, \$2

Silk Stockings with embroidered clockings in the newest designs—there are many different styles, pair, \$3.50

Thread Silk Stockings in black, white or colors, the pair, \$1.75

Men's Thread Silk Socks, clocked in white or contrasting colors, the pair, \$1.50

(Main Floor.)

Fancy Brassieres for Women

PRETTY enough for a Christmas gift are these Brassieres of pink or white satin and lace. So daintily are they made and trimmed that an extra camisole is not needed. They are for every style figure in both brassieres or bandeaux. Sizes 34 to 50. Priced 59c, 79c and \$1.00

(Second Floor.)

Flag Set

Will Make an Excellent Christmas Gift

IT consists of five Flags, 5x7 inches, of good quality satin, mounted on staff. Complete with gilt and silver-finished stand. The set consists of

Old Glory and the standards of Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium.

A splendid table decoration, complete at \$1.85

Other sets of three, consisting of the American, French and British Flags, at \$1.25

(Main Floor.)

Taffeta Silk Petticoats

An Excellent Assortment to Choose From

A Remarkable Offering at... \$4.25

TAFFETA Petticoats, with fitted top and tailored flounce—these are of striped taffeta, in green, navy, brown or taupe.

Petticoats with silk jersey tops and taffeta flounce, in colors as well as black, \$4.98

Extra-size Petticoats with Heatherbloom tops and taffeta flounces—changeable or solid colors. \$3.98

Taffeta Silk Petticoats—extra sizes—these are extra fine quality taffeta, \$5.95

Silk Jersey Petticoats—extra sizes—colors black, navy, emerald and gray, \$5

(Second Floor.)

Give a Fitted Suitcase

Pictured Here at... \$35

A GIFT that would be appreciated by any man or woman. They are made of selected long-grain leather, over boxwood frame, with hand-sewed edges, double polished brass locks. Lined with silk. Two pockets in ends, fitted with ten pieces of white Persian ivory on removable pad.

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(Fifth Floor.)



Vacuum Cleaners The Useful Gift

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The Torrington Electric Vacuum Cleaner, \$44.75

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All Electric Vacuum Cleaners can be bought on the club plan of easy payments. Ask about it.

(Fifth Floor.)

Toytown—a City of Toys & Dolls

IT fairly beams with a holiday spirit—and if happiness is “catching,” you will certainly absorb it, but how is it possible, within the compass of a small advertisement, to tell you of the wealth of beauties of our Toytown? You must see it.

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Steering Sleds—strongly made, for boys and girls, nice size, at \$1.79

Blackboards—have drop lid, forming desk, chart on top, \$1.25

Automobiles—exceptionally well constructed, rubber-tired wheels, \$15.75

Go-Carts—body and hood of imitation reed, rubber-tired wheels, at \$5.95

Handcars—an exerciser for little tots, rubber-tired wheels, at \$3.75

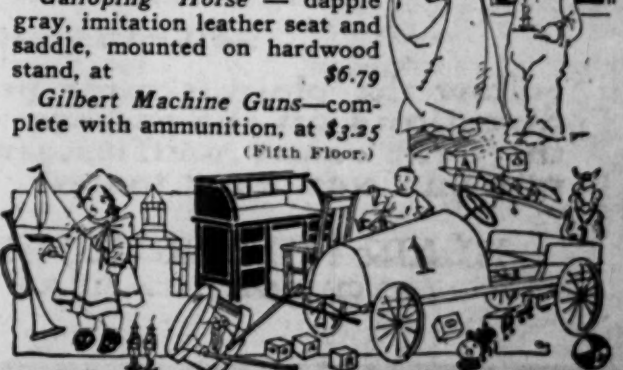
Toy China Dishes—set consists of four cups and saucers, sugar and cream, pretty decoration, a set, \$1.50

Boys' Velocipedes—adjustable seat, steel wheels, at \$3.19

Galloping Horse—dapple gray, imitation leather seat and saddle, mounted on hardwood stand, at \$6.79

Gilbert Machine Guns—complete with ammunition, at \$3.25

(Fifth Floor.)



GARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS LOWER PRICES OF STEEL JAN. 1

Chairman in Announcing Decision, Says He Is Opposed to Any Reduction of Wages.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A moderate reduction of maximum prices for steel, beginning Jan. 1, is favored by the General Committee on Steel and Steel Products of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which meets with the War Industries Board Wednesday.

This was announced by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the committee, at a meeting here of steel manufac-

ers yesterday with the recommendation that the question be referred to the committee with power, which was done.

Gary opposed any effort to reduce wage scales at present, declaring that while labor is receiving higher compensation than ever before, the rates are no higher than are "proper and just," in view of the cost of living.

Perhaps the most satisfactory way of reducing the "present basis of general prices that are abnormal," Gary said, would be the making of simultaneous reductions "in every direction," but this, he declared, would be impracticable.

He urged, therefore, that the steel

industry as the "barometer of trade" begin reductions in prices, even at the cost of sacrifice. Such a course, he declared, would result in price reductions by persons buying steel, and "so on down the line until a stable business basis was reached."

"If the workmen are treated fairly and liberally," he said, "they will stand and contend for fair treatment of the employer."

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which is simply iron and quinine suspended in syrup. Restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. So pleasant even children like it. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.—Adv.

INA CLAIRE AS COUNTRY GIRL AND LURID SIREN

Double Comedy Role Ably Handled by Former "Follies" Member.

By RICHARD L. STOKES.

TWO seasons ago David Belasco was informed that in the Ziegfeld "Follies" was a girl, Ina Claire by name, who was lampooning him pitilessly in a smart songlet, called "Poor Little Marie-Oddie." He went, heard and was conquered by the deft process with which he was done to a turn, and resolved then and there to number Miss Claire among the women of his stage. To jump a "Follies" girl suddenly to a Belasco starship just suited the Haroun-al-Raschid romanticism of the famous producer. Had he not, some 15 years before, on a visit to Weber and Fields' Music Hall, discovered a potential dramatic genius in an obscure member of the company, David Warfield?

A large and thoroughly approving audience at the American Theater last night signified by many a demonstration their opinion that no mistake had been made in exalting Miss Claire to a place in the coveted stellar limelight. The new luminary, already a favorite here, appeared in the clever comedy "Polly With a Past," by George Middleton and Guy Bolton, with which she made her debut at the Belasco Theater in New York, and which enjoyed a run of more than 300 performances. She was supported by many of the original cast.

The story—another of those delicate fabrics of comedy on which Belasco has recently been lavishing his skill—concerns Polly Shannon, orphan daughter of a Methodist dominie in East Gilead, O. She has got as far as New York in quest of her great ambition to have her voice trained in Paris, and in default of better work becomes cook and maid of all work in the bachelor apartment of two madcap friends, Clay Cullom, an interior decorator, and Harry Richardson, a broker. They are astounded on learning that Polly can sing, play the piano and talk French.

Miss Claire's Mimicry.

They have a wealthy chum, Rex Van Zile, who fancies he is frantically in love with Myrtle Davis, a strong-minded young woman with a mania for rescuing derelicts, but with nothing but scorn for her suitor, whose habits are unfortunately so exemplary that he cannot even take two drinks without becoming ill. At a conference of the friends it is decided that Rex must cultivate some species of depravity or other, so that Myrtle may gratify upon him her passion for throwing out the lifeline. Drunkenness is out of the question. Then it must be a woman!

So they invent Paulette, a French siren, and contrive for her a lurid past strewn with wrecked thrones, pearl necklaces, duels and suicides. Polly is bribed to take the role by a promise of money enough to train her voice. It was not for nothing that her mother had been French, and that she had undergone a diet of French novels.

In the second scene, behold the erstwhile modest maid-servant arrayed in a spider-web film of black in the Theda Bara vampire style, thickly smeared with rouge, talking in a mixture of voluble French and bad English and exhibiting all the subtle brazenness of the boulevards. To be brief, the conspiracy succeeds for a time, to perfection; Paulette and Rex pretend to be engaged, and the stern Myrtle discovers that she is perfectly willing to "save" Rex by marrying him. But then comes the denouement—by dint of make-believe in love-making Polly and Rex become the victims of their own plot, and Myrtle finds herself left out in the cold.

Miss Claire began her career as a mimic, and it was fitting that her chief part in the play should be the mimicry of a fictitious character, the French charmer. To this role she brought exceptional gifts as a comedienne and such remarkable versatility that no one blamed Rex's worldly uncle for deciding she was no "Jitney Jezebel" and offering her a cool \$25,000 to clear out. Once she injected a momentary impersonation of Bernhardt that was startling in its truth of voice and even looks.

Artistic Setting and Lighting. In the part of Polly she displayed that mixture of complete femininity and independence that we like to think is typical of American girls. It is true this in speech she was somewhat stilted, and that her few moments of dramatic tension and pathos were not altogether convincing. But she has intelligence, a keen sense of humor and much personal charm; with her powerful backing she is likely to go far in the taken comedy.

The plot is chiefly amusing because of its up-side-downs of morality. The pseudo-Paulette is constantly in terror lest her real past be discovered—that she is a country girl hailing from a parsonage instead of an adventuresome of spectacular experience. At the end we are left in the dark as to whether she has abandoned her vocal ambitions, and also as to how the Van Zile family proposes to explain away the identity of Polly and Paulette. The chief merit of the play is its incessantly effective dialogue, which bubbles if not with champagne at least with vichy.

Others who took important parts most competently were H. Reeves-Smith, Cyril Scott, Herbert Yost, George Stuart Christie, Thomas Reynolds, Betty Linley and Lloyd Neal. The production was set and lighted with the utmost nicety, and no detail to enhance the delicacy of its stage pictures had been overlooked.

Music and Amusement on This Week's Orpheum Bill. The Orpheum Theater this week has a performance that sends the audience out smiling and humming

tunes. Five-eighths of the bill is more or less musical. Marguerita Sylva, musical comedy star of a dozen years ago, and grand opera singer of a more recent time, has a repertoire of patriotism, sentiment, French conversation, Hawaii and Carmen, "La Habanera" being her selection from Bizet's opera. Her voice, which would be adequate to a more ambitious program, is very pleasingly displayed in this one.

The Arnaut Brothers, clowns, who were with Harry Lauder last season, combine fiddling with acrobatics and give a very clever bird imitation.

Chief Caupolican, from somewhere in South America, applies the principle of quantity production to his singing, which is quite a feat of its kind. The high-voice member of a girl team shows no little vocal ability, and a talking machine scene furnishes mild amusement. The non-musical acts, including one in blackface, are good fun, and the bill ends with a levitation burlesque, the surprising part of which is some-

thing that looks considerably like levitation.

Are You Too Fat?

If you wish to reduce your weight steadily, pleasantly and lastingly, obtain a small package of oil of kerosene at the drug store, follow the directions; be both surprised and delighted at becoming thinner, supple and healthier. Book mailed free by Korin Co., NL-27, Station F, New York, N. Y. Guarantee given. Reductions of 2 to 4 pounds weekly reported, and there need be no fear of the return of fat. No strenuous exercises, no cathartics, no starving; may eat sweets if you like.—ADV.

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\$12.50 & \$13.50

Sweater Coats

Something every boy should have. Sizes 10 to 18 years. **\$5.00 to \$10**. Fancy stripe or plain colors. **Toques**—long or short styles **39c to 75c**. **Blanket Robes**—all boys need one. **\$3.50 to \$10**. **Flannellette Nightshirts** for boys from 4 to 10 years. **95c**. **Caps**—All styles and colors—sizes 6½ to 7½. **\$1.50**. Boys' Shop—Second Fl.

Lovely Breakfast Coats

These Very Becoming Coats Are Shown in a Variety of Models and Colors.

One model of taffeta shows the low waistline and V-shape neck effect. The sleeves are set in and dainty quilling finishes the skirt in front, the sleeves and the neck. The back is full gathered with two straps at the waistline. An attractive sash, which ties in front, adds the final touch to this very good-look—**\$14.50**

Another model is shown in taffeta silk made on straight lines. A pointed hood is an unusual feature of this coat, which has set-in sleeves, two large pockets and pretty sash ties. Taffeta quilling is also used to trim this pretty model, which is **\$16.50**

Wraps and Negligee Shop—Third Floor



Silk Petticoats

Make Ideal Christmas Gifts

Taffeta Petticoats

Made of good, soft silk, have two small plaited ruffles and fancy stitching finishing the pretty flounce. All of the popular street shades in two-tone effects are found in this group—priced at **\$5.00**

A good Skirt for serviceable wear is offered in pretty floral patterns with clusters of small tucks on the tailored flounce. Other styles in plain colors and in black are shown in this group. These Petticoats are priced at **\$1.75**



The Petticoat illustrated can be had in all taffeta or taffeta flounce with Silk Jersey top. An attractive Van Dyke style flounce finishes this very pretty petticoat which is priced at **\$3.98**

Silk Petticoat Shop—Third Floor

UNIFORM SELECTED FOR RECONSTRUCTION AIDS

Several Designs Submitted but
That Made by Miss Katherine
Pierce Is Accepted.

PROMINENT young matrons and maids who are members of the Junior League were asked by Mrs. Elias Michael, who is chairman of the General Committee interested in the class for the training of reconstruction aids in occupational therapy which has been inaugurated by the St. Louis Unit, Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense and the Junior League to contribute designs for costumes for the aids. A number of sketches were handed in, among them designs by Mrs. John Scudder, Mrs. Harry Potter, Mrs. Leighton Bridge, Miss Henrietta Davis, Miss Lucille Woods, Miss Katherine Pierce, Miss Grace Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Holliday and Miss Cath-

DESIGNED DRESS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AIDS



Miss Katherine Pierce

Have Music Xmas



KIESELHORST'S
Combination
Offer "T"
This magnificent
electric-lighted

Brunswick

Fully equipped with the celebrated Brunswick "Ultima," playing all records. All-wood Tone Amplifier. Eight record albums. Electric light, automatic stop, tone modifier, etc. This outfit, including \$15 worth of records of your own selection (total cost \$169.50), can be purchased on monthly terms as low as

\$9

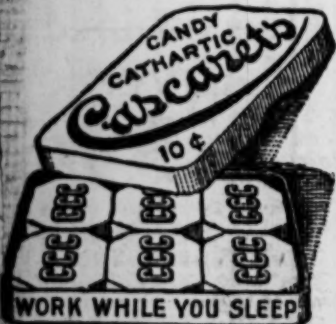
Open Evenings
Until Xmas

KIESELHORST'S
—Established 1879—
For 40 Years
The Reliable Store That Pleases
1007 OLIVE ST.

BEST LIVER AND BOWEL CATHARTIC FOR WHOLE FAMILY

"Cascarets" regulate women,
men and children without injury.

Take when bilious, headachy, for
colds, bad breath, sour stomach.



WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

Instead of nasty, harsh pills, salts, castor oil or dangerous calomel, why don't you keep Cascarets handy in your home? Cascarets act on the liver and bowels so gently you don't realize you have taken a cathartic, but they get thoroughly and can be depended upon when a good liver and bowel cleaning is necessary—they move the poisons from the bowels without griping and sweetens the stomach. You can take one or two at night like candy and you wake up feeling fine, the headache, biliousness, bad health, coated tongue, sour stomach, constipation, or bad cold disappears. Mothers should give cross, sick, feverish or bilious children a whole Cascaret and they are harmless and safe for the little folks.—ADV.

**PREVENT THAT
COLD**
MAY DEVELOP SERIOUSLY
**HURLBURT'S
CAMPHOR PILLS**
TAKE ONE AT ONCE
Carry the small bottle at
all times.
PRICE 25 CENTS.

CONGRESSMAN IS CERTIFIED BY BOARD AS DRAFT EVADER

Representative Benton for Re-Election Says He Never Got Questionnaire and Didn't Have to Return One Anyway.
By the Associated Press.
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—Representative C. Dill of the Fifth Congressional District of Washington was certified today at Olympia as a

draft delinquent by a local exemption board.
Dill was among the delinquents who either failed or refused to fill out and send in questionnaires sent registrants on Sept. 12, 1918, between the ages of 19 and 35. His defense is that he did not receive the questionnaire. He also asserts that, as a member of Congress, he was not required to fill out a questionnaire. Dill was defeated for reelection at the November election.

Chicago Foot Specialist is NOW Here

At considerable expense and trouble, we have arranged for a foot expert to be at this store
All This Week
for the convenience of foot sufferers.
Examination and Advice Free



No More
Hurting Feet

Let Your Foot
Come Forth and Gain
Complete Comfort

This expert, who is one of the Staff of Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, the noted specialist and recognized foot authority is able to tell at once what the real cause of your foot trouble is. He knows feet as a dentist does, teeth or as an architect does houses.

There is a
Dr. Scholl
Appliance or Remedy for Every Foot Trouble

No matter how simple or how serious your foot trouble is, he can tell you (and show you) how to gain

Immediate Relief

and a rapid correction of the difficulty. Remember the dates. Be sure to come in. Everybody welcome.

Sensenbrenner's
SIXTH AND ST. CHARLES

"Watch Your Feet"

You Never Ate
Such Gems in Your Life!

They surely are the gems of all gems—light as bubbles—they're simply delicious. As full of nutriment as a nut is of meat. That's the kind of gems YOU can make with

**MAMMA'S
PANGAKE FLOUR**

READY FOR USE

A delicious, digestible and nutritious blend of wheat, rice, rye, corn and barley flour.

Try Mamma's waffles, muffins and pancakes—this flour makes perfect ones.

At all good grocers. Get a package today.



Made by
F. B. Chamberlain Co.
St. Louis, U. S. A.

Lindenwood College Extends Campus

Trustees of Lindenwood College at St. Charles, yesterday purchased from Paul Listner & Son Manufacturing Co., a site with a frontage of 462 feet on Clay street, St. Charles, and a two-story dwelling house thereon for \$10,000. The property is at the southern end of the college campus and was bought by the trustees as part of a plan to extend and beautify the campus. Negotiations for the purchase of property belonging to George Amos on the northeast end of the campus are under way.

Our Merchandise Certificates

solve the most difficult gift problems satisfactorily. Try them if in doubt.

STORE HOURS: 9 TO 5:30

Nugent's

Glove Bonds

are an absolute assurance that the recipient will have the style, shade and correct size.



SUITS

Lowest Price of the Year!
for Such Wonderful Suits!

Most Exclusive
Mid-Winter Modes. **\$32.95**

A note of general simplicity prevails, still the suits are conspicuously lovely by reason of their graceful lines and smart fabrics—there are fur collars, velvet and self collars.

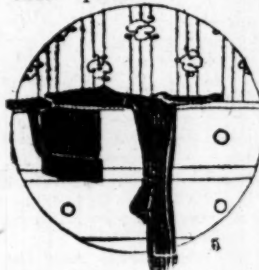
Come in black, navy, brown, taupe and burgundy. All sizes for women and misses.

Velour Oxford Serge
Poplin Tricotine Velvet Mixtures
Yes, the most extraordinary Fine
Suit opportunity of the year—due to a
remarkable purchase—all sizes for
women and misses.

(Second Floor—Nugent's.)

A Hosiery Opportunity!

And you had better take advantage of it and secure an entire season's supply now when you can do so at an "old time" price.



Fine Mercerized
Lisle Hose, 49c

With reinforced heels and toes, mock seam style and in the most wanted shades—

Dark Tan Black
Havana Brown
Dark Gray

All sizes for women—price
49c pair, \$5.50 dozen.
(Main Floor—Nugent's.)

Useful and Lovely Gifts in

**China and
Glassware**

Breakfast Sets, \$3.98

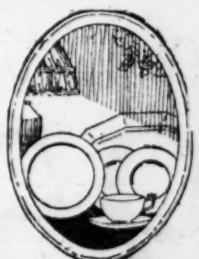
Decorated sets consisting of 6 large plates, 6 small plates, 6 cups, 6 saucers, 6 fruits, 1 bowl, 1 platter, 1 pickle dish, 6 butter chips—slightly imperfect.

White Breakfast Sets, \$5
42-piece good quality plain shape.

Colonial Glass Berry
Sets, 95c
Consisting of 1 large bowl and 6 nappies.

China Berry or Fruit
Bowls, 49c
Fancy decorated bowls with heavy gold stippling.

Blue Bird Sets, \$2.75
Consisting of 1 tray, 1 sugar, 1 creamer, 1 teapot and 2 cups and saucers.



Thin Blown Table Gob-
lets, 6 for \$2.25
with any initial engraved in gold, makes a splendid gift.

Thin Blown Custard
Glasses, 6 for \$1.00
Glasses with handles, 6 for \$1.00.

Cut Glass Water Sets
at \$3.10
Large jug and 6 tumblers, cut in a pretty floral design.
(Main Floor—Nugent's.)



"A penny a day keeps
the dirt away"

Be One of the Lucky
Housewives Who Own

**An Electric
Vacuum Cleaner
\$24.95**

Or—Mr. Husband—
If your wife hasn't one already then put it at the top of your Christmas list—it's the

**Gift Ideal for the
Housewife**

Easy running, inexpensive and the perfect cleaner—removes all odors from housecleaning. Is equipped with a powerful suction motor which sucks up dirt, dust, lint and threads—cleans thoroughly and without the inconvenience of ordinary housecleaning. Complete, \$24.95.
(Third Floor—Nugent's.)

A man is proud to give and always glad to get a stunning, warm, comfortable
Blanket Bath Robe

WITH the added feature of economy because we are offering this sample line of 125 Robes at

\$6.95

Bright, colorful designs, finished throughout with cords and trimmed with waist and neck cords; convertible collar style; every Robe full length and perfectly tailored.

All sizes, small, medium, large. Packed in a handsome gift box if desired.
(Main Floor—Nugent's.)



Christmas Slippers



Solve many a gift problem—assortments are so varied as to assure satisfaction to every member of the family.

Women's Felt Comfy Slippers, \$1.50

Very fine quality felt with soft kid soles; come in black, red, wine, lavender, navy blue and gray; all sizes.

Misses' and Children's Felt Comfy
Size 5 to 11, \$1.00
Size 11½ to 2, \$1.15

Beautiful felt slippers; come with soft kid soles, in navy blue, red or Oxford gray.

Men's Leather Romeos, \$2.29

Made of fine quality kid in black or tan; all sizes.

Men's Felt Slippers, \$1.50 and \$1.65

The Slippers for real comfort, in black, navy blue and Oxford gray; all sizes.

And in the Downstairs Store—
Women's Crocheted Slippers, 89c

Come with lamb's wool soles in blue, red, pink or gray; all trimmed with white; all sizes.

Visit the Big Toytown



Complete Mechanical Trains: 98c

U. S. Soldier and Sailor: 10c

Child's Rockers: solid oak: \$1.49

Well made: leatherette seats: 98c

Many many Planes: with 10 keys: \$3.69

Large 22-Key Planes: "Shenbut" high grade: \$3.69

U. S. Soldier and Sailor: 10c

Blackboards on easels: have drop front and picture chart: \$1.09



Large assortment of prettily dressed dolls: also Jointed Dolls: some have blonde heads with eyes that open and close: \$1.50

Large Jointed Dolls: with lovely blonde heads and eyes that open and close: \$3.95

Large Automobiles: with rubber-tired wheels and starting crank: \$5.95

Boys' Velocipedes: with adjustable seats: \$1.85

Keweenaw Wagons: also Wheelbarrows: all the wanted kinds: 25c to \$1.50

"Pioneer" Conster Wagon: one: have rubber bearings: \$4.50

U. S. Soldier and Sailor: 10c

Blackboards on easels: have drop front and picture chart: \$1.09

B. NUGENT & BRO. D. G. CO., Broadway, Washington Av. and St. Charles St.

SPANISH INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Spreading Throughout St. Louis Territory.

Many are finding relief from Influenza, Colds, Sore Throat, and perhaps preventing pneumonia, by the use of Miller's Antiseptic Oil (known as Snake Oil) which contains Turpentine, Camphor, Coal Oil, Oil Cloves, Oil Cassia, Oil Cajeput, Oil Oregano, Oil Eucalyptus, Oil Wintergreen, and other valuable oils. Its great penetrating, pain relieving qualities insure almost instant relief when applied freely on the chest or throat well covered with Miller's Antiseptic Oil and Pneumonia Naive when first symptoms arise. The oil penetrates through to the affected parts and tends to open up the air passages, making breathing more easy, relieving the pain. And for the cough a few drops on a little sugar usually brings prompt relief. Don't fail to have a bottle on hand when the attack comes on and if used according to directions results are secured or your money refunded. One bottle at all drug stores, 50c, 10c and \$1.00 bottles. Remember this treatment will not interfere with purgative. Prescribed by your doctor.

Get it at Wolf-Wilson Drug Co., Enderle Drug Co., Johnson Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis—ADV.

Itching Rashes Soothed With Cuticura

All drug stores; Soap & Ointment 25c & 50c. Sample each free of "Cuticura," Dept. E, Boston.



Are you strong enough to be a modern woman?

How strong and vital and energetic a modern woman must be! Inside her home a charming hostess and mother of fine children. Outside, throwing her heart and soul into war work or political work or social work or business. The modern woman can't afford to have body and brain muddled with the poisons of impure blood.

Gude's Pepto-Mangan "The Red Blood Builder"

Gude's Pepto-Mangan is a friend indeed to the woman whose failing health reflects her failing blood. It restores the red blood cells to normal number and capacity to carry oxygen—the breath of life—to every cell and tissue. The rich, red stream of nourishment courses through the veins, charging the whole system with vigor and vitality. Gude's Pepto-Mangan is a splendid general tonic and appetizer, easy to digest and exceedingly pleasant to taste. Endorsed by the medical profession.

FRIENDLY WARNING There is only one Pepto-Mangan and that is Gude's. Sold in bottle and packet as shown here. Sold by druggists everywhere.



Pepto-Mangan is made only by M. J. BREITENBACH CO., Mfg. Chemists, New York

COSSACK LEADER IN SIBERIA SUPPRESSED

Action by American and Japanese Commanders Eases Situation.

By the Associated Press. VIADIVOSTOK, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—The suppression of Gen. Kalmikoff, commander of the Cossacks on the Ussuri River front by joint action of the American and Japanese military authorities have removed an element which threatened open hostilities at Khabarovsk. The situation had become tense. It had its origin in arrest, persecution and execution by Kalmikoff of apparently innocent inhabitants of the region. In some instances it is alleged that the bodies of the victims of executions were left for the dogs to eat.

Learning of the state of affairs, the American commander at Khabarovsk protested to Kalmikoff and also communicated with Major-General William S. Graves, the American commander in Siberia, who consulted with Gen. Olani, the Japanese commander. Both Generals joined in a warning to Kalmikoff against his high-handed methods and threatened that unless he ceased them, they would interfere. They prepared to attack the Americans. Kalmikoff, however, reappeared, and asserted that he had ordered the executions stopped, but that his orders had failed to reach his subordinates.

Russians from the Khabarovsk district described the entire Ussuri region as being in terror. On the pretext of searching for arms, it is asserted, Cossacks rob and maltreat the people. If any of them resist they are murdered in cold blood or are arrested on charges of Bolshevism and executed in secret. It is asserted that, in spite of a cessation in the wholesale killing of the people, citizens continue to disappear. The people declare that Kalmikoff, who is 28 years old, is not a Cossack, but was elected their leader early in October. Since then he has pursued the tactics of a bandit.

HIGHWAY BOARD "EXONERATES" ITSELF OF "DOING-NOTHING"

Three Old Members of Commission Issue Statement Denying McKibben's Charges. Special to the Post-Dispatch. JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 10.—The three old members of the State Highway Commission held a meeting here yesterday and issued a public statement "exonerating" the commission from charges of a do-nothing policy preferred against it by A. C. McKibben, former member of the commission, and J. P. Davis, former assistant highway engineer. S. F. Pingree of St. Louis, the new member of the commission, did not sign the statement. It is signed by the three old members, E. L. Sanford of Springfield, chairman; George E. McIninch of St. Joseph, vice-chairman, and C. O. Raine of Canton.

The statement says the highway board members ask that judgment be suspended until such time as the board reports in detail the work of the department for the period ending Dec. 1, 1918. "This report will show that, notwithstanding abnormal conditions, notwithstanding the enormous task of organizing and setting in motion the machinery of road building in 114 counties, there is nothing to be ashamed of, and much to be proud of in the accomplishments of the board, and there is every reason to believe that even the most sanguine expectations of the most enthusiastic road advocate will be realized. There has been no politics in the board."

CONFECTIONER, SHOT IN STORE BY ROBBER, DIES OF WOUNDS

Albert F. Wellman, 34 years old, of 1717 Dolman street, died last night at the city hospital from bullet wounds inflicted by a robber who held him up Sunday night in his confectionery at 1704 South Fourteenth street.

His widow, Mrs. Lydia Wellman, was prostrated with grief today and was unable to go to the Carr Street Police Station and look at William C. Quinlan, 32 years old, who was arrested last night and was running along Ninth street. Quinlan had a revolver. He denied having had anything to do with the shooting of Wellman or the holdup at Massina's.

A new Overcoat? No, only the old one; but it was cleaned by the Master Cleaning Process at Scott's. Call them and have yours cleaned. Lindell 4460 or Delmar 2946—Adv.

Meeting at State Capital Postponed. JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 10.—The meeting of commercial, civic and women's clubs, which was to have been held today, was postponed by Gov. Gardner last night because of the influenza epidemic.

WHY does the Post-Dispatch print MORE want ads than the Globe-Democrat, Republic, Times and Star all added together? Answer: RESULTS!

This Is Pledge Redemption Week.

Missouri is still several millions short on its quota of War Savings and Thrift Stamps, and an effort is being made to have everyone redeem the pledges they have signed early in the year to purchase a specified amount of War Savings

Stamps. This week has been set aside for pledge redemption.

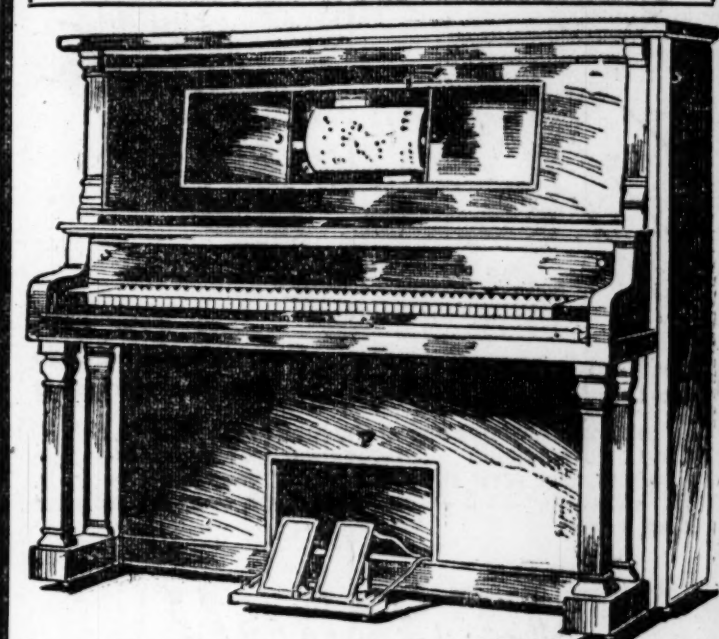
Income Tax Returns? See WM. A. GRADY JR., Income Tax Accountant. (Formerly in U. S. Int. Rev. Service.) MAKE FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. 813 Chestnut St. Main 1739.

STARCK PIANO SALE

LAST ONLY 2 MORE NOTICE Store Open Evenings.

In order to close out the balance of this mammoth stock of new, used and shopworn pianos, we will make an EXTRA DISCOUNT of 25% LISTEN: We have a TREMENDOUS LARGE STOCK of NEW and USED PIANOS that have ACCUMULATED the LAST SIX MONTHS. SOME of these PIANOS have been TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR PLAYERS, others have been rented, others DAMAGED BY HAULING and QUITE A NUMBER SHOPWORN. WE HAVE CONCLUDED TO MAKE A TWO-DAY SALE TO CLEAR THIS STOCK, as our CHRISTMAS STOCK of PIANOS IS ARRIVING DAILY. AMONG THE LOT YOU WILL FIND SUCH WELL-KNOWN MAKES as the EVERETT, BAUER, ESTEY, LAGODA and STEINWAY and MANY OTHERS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

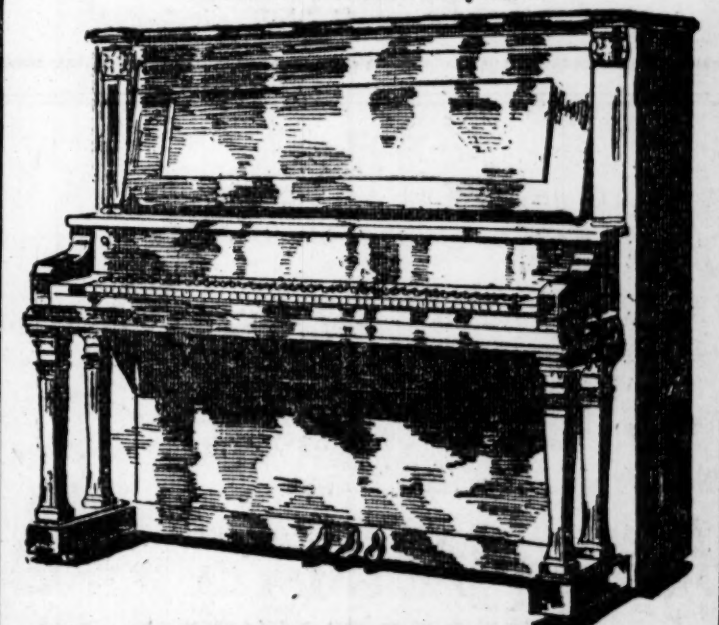
LAST NOTICE—This Sale Positively Closes Thursday Night, Dec. 12th, at 9:30 P. M. FREE—IN YOUR HOME—30 DAYS COME IN AND ESTABLISH A LITTLE CREDIT



You will FIND this HIGH-CLASS PLAYER-PIANO in the CUT ABOVE among THESE SALE PIANOS. The only PLAYER-PIANOS on the MARKET THAT are GUARANTEED for TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

NOTICE the PRICES on USED PLAYER-PIANOS for the NEXT TWO DAYS. POSITIVELY we do NOT believe that THESE PRICES can be DUPLICATED ANYWHERE in the UNITED STATES.

Used Player-Piano - Now \$195
" Player-Piano - Now 370
" Player-Piano - Now 395
" Player-Piano - Now 485
" Player-Piano - Now 565
FREE! Player Bench and Music Rolls With Each of the Above Players.



NOTE the LINES of the above PIANO. This is just ONE of the MANY UP-TO-DATE STYLES we OFFER in this SALE—GUARANTEED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

NOTICE the SPECIAL PRICES for the NEXT TWO DAYS
Used Upright, Mahogany Case Now \$115
" Upright, Mahogany Case Now 103
" Upright, Mahogany Case Now 75
" Upright, Oak Case Now 19
" Upright, Ebony Case Now 175

FREE—A NEW PIANO IN YOUR HOME FOR 30 DAYS FREE. BY HAVING A PIANO IN YOUR HOME FOR 30 DAYS YOU CAN HAVE A PIANO EXPERT or MUSIC TEACHER THOROUGHLY TEST THE PIANO, and if NOT ABSOLUTELY AN REPRESENTED you can RETURN it to US WITHOUT ONE CENT OF EXPENSE to you. IF SATISFACTORY, you can START to make PAYMENTS as LOW as \$1.00 PER WEEK OR \$5.00 PER MONTH.

Free Delivery Stool or Bench No Extra Interest
P.A. STARCK PIANO CO.
Manufacturers Starck Upright, Grand and Player-Pianos
1102 OLIVE ST., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS BARGAIN CENTER Penny Saver

300 Steel Velocipedes; a wonderful bargain. \$1.98
Child's solid oak golden finish, big polished roller-top desk, complete with gold metal chair to match. \$6.95
Large assortment of Express Wagons; prices ranging from \$1.49 to \$2.98
300 Glascock Racer, steel frame Handcar, with rubber-tired wheels; the toy that makes kids husky; special. \$3.98
300 Gondron, rubber-tired, high-class appearing Atomobile, finished in red; very special offer. \$5.98
Child's golden oak Arm Chair, strongly built; will make the little one happy; special. \$1.19
Pretty Dressed Doll, with cap; a wonderful value; see them; 59c each.
SPECIAL White Enamel Doll Cradles for large size doll; special. 65c

Blankets and Comforts
Wool-Finish Blankets; double bed size; good weight; soft finish, pair. \$4.98
Fancy Check Blankets; large size; light and dark colors; wool finish; pair. \$6.98
Bed Comforts; large size; silk-line covered, white cotton filled, for. \$2.98
Neponset 100% Waterproof Floorcovering In durability and appearance it is equivalent to the best printed Linoleums. It has these advantages — it lies flat on the floor without tacking; its edges will not curve; the back is waxed, making it 100% waterproof. Patterns for every room in the house; none waterproof without the wax-finished back; sq. yd. 69c

Men's Sweaters \$2.98
Heavy and medium weight, with collar; good range of colors; for Wednesday's selling only, at.

Silk Hosiery
Women's black silk Hosiery; full fashioned; perfect goods; pair \$1.00
Men's Silk Socks Reinforced heels and toes; for Wed., pair. 49c
Hosiery Men's, women's and children's Hosiery; comfortable and durable. 35c
Men's Cotton Socks Black cotton Socks; made for comfort and wear; pair. 15c

Wash Goods
Standard quality; in all best colors, pink, blues, navy, grays, etc. yard. 15c
Flannelette Yard wide printed flannelette in many splendid patterns for wrappers, kimono, etc. yd. 25c
Shirting Silks Splendid materials for gift purposes; 32-inch striped shirting silks yard. 85c
Tussah Silks Beautiful broadened washable tussah silks in nearly all shades for dresses, scarfs, etc. 49c
Infants' Vests Rubens, knitted fleece lined undersuits, 2 to 5 years, at. 39c
Children's Bloomers Black fine cambric bloomers in assorted sizes, pair. 44c
Children's Toques All wool heavy knitted outing toques, all sizes. 29c
Warner's Corsets Medium bust, russet, white and pink, all sizes. \$1.50

Shoes or Slippers for Xmas Gifts
Women's fine Shoes in vici kid and dull calf leathers at less than factory cost; kid or cloth tops; high or low heels; all sizes in the lot. \$2.95
Women's Felt House Slippers, fur and ribbon trimmed; all colors, all sizes, at \$1.49 and. \$1.39
Men's House Slippers for Xmas, black or tan. Everett and Homeo styles; all sizes at \$1.98 and.
Kid Gloves, \$1.59
Women's one-clasp washable Kid Gloves with contrasting stitching; colors sand and black. \$1.79

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs Fine hemstitched cambric Handkerchiefs; embroidered with initial in corner; all letters in stock; 98c
Men's Billfolds Genuine leather, have partitions for bills, cards, lodge papers. 59c
Head Scarfs for Gifts All silk, china silk with fringed or hem-stitched borders. 98c
2000 Service Star Handkerchiefs Fine white Swiss, with embroidered service flag. 5c

Gift Suggestions
Georgette Crepe Waists, \$2.98
Also Crepe de Chine Waists
Women's dainty new crepe de chine and Georgette Crepe Waists; flesh and white; all regular sizes, at \$2.98.

Women's All-Wool Sweaters Come in various styles and many different colors. For Wednesday only (24 Hour) \$5.00
Women's Fur Muffs Beautiful black Fur Muffs, in the very latest shapes; satin lined (Wednesday). \$6.98

606-608 Washington Thru to Sixth Street
Kline's
2000 Silk Camisoles at \$1
A tremendous offering of beautiful Silk Camisoles, all fresh and crisp and new—and here just in time to make your gift selections. For an inexpensive gift, nothing is daintier, or will be more appreciated. Many different styles; lace trimmed; ribbon straps; also plain tailored styles.
Wash Satin & Crepe de Chine—Many Different Styles
Ideal Gifts!

WEDNESDAY—
Just 126 of These Fashionable Silk Dresses
—While They Last!
\$8.95
—Smart Satins
—Georgette and Satin Combinations
Such Dresses as these will go quickly at this price, so be here early tomorrow morning. There are just 126 of these bargains. Smart satin frocks and desirable models of Georgette combined with satin—street and afternoon styles—black and wanted Winter colors—newest tunic, panel and straight line effects.

"Sample" Hats
—from a New York Maker
The two illustrations give some hint as to the style of these hats, and if you could see the quality of the materials, you would marvel at this low price. Fine silk and panne velvets, trimmed in the newest ways with ostrich and novelties. \$5.85



WHAT ARE THE REAL FACTS ABOUT GILLETTE BLADES

MOST MEN are disposed to be fair and reasonable about a situation these days if they are in possession of all the facts.

You may have found of late in your neighborhood a temporary scarcity of Gillette Blades.

The big true story back of this condition can now be told for the first time.

We want you to know the facts. What we have done—what we are doing—why we say the condition is a temporary one. And we want you to see with us the bright outlook immediately ahead.

Refused to Recognize the Impossible —and Did It

TAKE NOTE of the task put up to the Gillette the last ten months, and how it has accomplished the well-nigh impossible. Consider the spirit of service, of devotion to duty, the enthusiasm and co-operation of the great army of Gillette employees—day-force and night-force, day in and day out.

Consider the importance of the Gillette as a part of the Mandatory Military Equipment of the United States Army and Navy—its place in the daily lives of the men; its relation to the health, well-being and soldierly appearance of our Troops on the Seas and Overseas.

Any Gillette user in touch with the situation, who read the cables, who felt the pressure, would gladly put aside his personal inconvenience and extend the hand of fellowship and congratulation for a duty recognized and a big job done.

Where We Stood When the War Department Called "Time"

WHEN AMERICA entered the War the Gillette factory in Boston had a capacity of four thousand razors a day; barely sufficient for the domestic trade. Our European factories were closed. Our Canadian plant was working overtime to handle the world-wide export demand.

Foundations were laid for a great new Gillette factory alongside the Boston plant for the manufacturing of blades exclusively. Then came the call to arms.

The Government realized that in modern warfare, as never before, conditions made the clean shave of vital importance. It searched the world for the most proficient shaving device. The Gillette had been tried out in the trenches. It was already the Razor of the Great War. The French had proved it.

The War Department told us what we were expected to do. It was up to us.

In the meantime, the necessary building restrictions of the War Industries Board stopped work on our new factory.

What It Cost to Make Good

IT MEANT just this—that we had to reach seven times our existing capacity in a limited number of weeks. Doubling a business is difficult enough. An increase of sevenfold without additional factory space looks like a knockout. But we got on our feet before the gong sounded, and went to it.

We furnished the Government three million, five hundred thousand razors, and six and a half million dozens [78,000,000] of blades. That's about thirty-five miles of shaving edge every twenty-four hours. And we're not done yet.

The end of hostilities stops the demand for gas masks and shrapnel. But the boys are over there and they must continue to shave. The cables still come to rush Gillette razors and blades.

In the meantime, supplies to foreign civilians throughout the world—where the demand has almost doubled—had been cut to 5 per cent of former deliveries. During the past year home demand increased 80 per cent, and much of this increase has been met. Shipments were even brought back from China and the Far East to meet the needs of the home trade.

It has been a great experience and you will find every man and every woman in the great factory

proud of the work and of each other—and especially proud of the many members of the Organization who have been in the thick of the fighting Overseas.

What About the Immediate Future?

NEW FACILITIES are almost ready. So pressing was the demand of the Government for deliveries that the War Industries Board finally let us go ahead with our building plans.

The new factory is nearing completion: eight stories high, with thousands of additional feet of space. This entire building will be devoted to blade production—giving us a total capacity of one hundred and ten thousand dozen blades a day, or three hundred and fifty-six million blades a year.

Gillette Razors for Christmas

THERE ARE dealers in almost every community fortunate enough to have in stock an assortment of Gillette Sets and Combinations suitable for Christmas gifts. The events of the past year have settled once for all the supremacy and proficiency of the Gillette as the razor for every man's use. There is no more acceptable, practical or lasting Christmas remembrance.

The variety of patterns now in dealers' hands offers a selection that will meet any man's requirements—even if he is already a Gillette user, replacing an old model with a new one: the Regular Standard Set with a Pocket Edition, or a Traveller's Combination. The Gillette will be in greater demand this Christmas than ever. All available stock in dealers' hands will be sold out early in the Christmas shopping season.

A Packet of 12 double-edged Blades accompanies each Razor Set, and there will be no difficulty later about an ample supply of blades in every store of the 143,000 Gillette dealers throughout the world.

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Street Car Strike in Havana.
HAVANA, Dec. 10.—Street car traffic ceased on all lines in this city shortly after midnight as a result of the failure of the governmental arbitration commission to settle the conflict between the Cuban Railway Co. and its employees. The strike will be followed by all other union men, according to announcement.

I WANT A BIG FACTORY

Large manufacturers who have employed their factory with war work may avoid their plants becoming idle by conferring with me. Must have complete machine shop and foundry facilities.

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St. Louis.

100,000 English Cotton Spinners Strike.
MANCHESTER, Dec. 10.—The strike of 100,000 cotton spinners for an increase of 40 per cent in current wages is in full swing in Southeast Lancashire. Only a few firms have conceded the men's terms. Fully 500,000 spindles are idle. As the stock of yarns is low the weaving sheds will soon have to close, throwing out of employment an additional 200,000 persons.

GOT A COLD? HERE IS RELIEF—PAPE'S

Use Pape's Cold Compound to cure colds and grippe in few hours—Tastes nice.

It is a positive fact that a dose of Pape's Cold Compound, taken every two hours until three consecutive doses are taken, will end the Grippe and break up the most severe cold, either in the head, chest, back, stomach, limbs or any part of the body. It promptly relieves the most miserable headache, dullness, head and nose stuffed up, feverishness, sneezing, sore throat, running of the nose, mucous catarrhal discharges, soreness, stiffness and rheumatic twinges. Take this wonderful Compound as directed, with the knowledge that there is nothing else in the world which will cure your cold or end Grippe misery as promptly and without any other assistance or bad after-effect as a small package of Pape's Cold Compound, which any druggist can supply—accept no substitute.—ADV.

\$5,978,466,000 WAR TAX BILL BEFORE SENATE

Chairman Simmons Will Open Debate Today—Report Filed With Measure Explains Provisions.

BONDS OF STATES AND CITIES EXEMPT

Undisturbed Earnings Freed From Corporation Tax; Individuals and Firms From Excess Profits Levy.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Effects of the nation's transition from a war to a peace basis and of prohibition legislation on the present and future problems of taxation are outlined in the Senate Finance Committee's report on the revised war revenue bill, filed yesterday by Chairman Simmons.

The report explains the steps taken to revise the House bill, so as to raise by taxation next year \$5,978,466,000 instead of \$7,500,000,000, as planned by the House before the signing of the armistice and the enactment of prohibition legislation. Proposed taxes in 1920, of \$4,000,000,000, the reason for fixing them at this time, and the manner in which they will be raised, also are explained.

The most distinct change made by the Senate in the House draft of the bill are noted by the committee's report as follows:

Elimination of the 6 per cent corporation tax on undisturbed corporate earnings, fixing a 20 per cent maximum on bona fide sales of mines and oil and gas wells; elimination of the tax on new state and municipal bonds, substitution of a single war excess profits tax for the alternative plan; exclusion of individuals and partnerships from war excess profits taxation, and reduction of the taxes on beverages and tobacco.

Simmons to Speak Today.
Senate debate on the measure will begin today with a statement by Simmons. A dissenting report on the plan to fix 1920 taxes in the pending bill will be filed by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania for the Republicans of the Finance Committee. Separate views also will be presented by Senators Smoot of Utah and La Follette of Wisconsin, Republicans.

A considerable part of Simmons' report is devoted to the plan for reducing taxes in 1920 to \$4,000,000,000.

"The country has a right to know how soon and in what degree the burden of war taxes can prudently be reduced," the report says. "During this period of reconstruction, business, particularly the business, is entitled to go forward without the burden of an 80 per cent tax on war profits. In time of peace the existence of an 80 per cent profits tax would be an absolute evil, for the perpetuation or continuance of which no sufficient reason has been or could be given."

For 1920, the report estimates a reduction of \$1,400,000,000 by eliminating the 80 per cent war profits tax, reduction of the excess profits rates and reduction from 12 to 8 per cent in the normal rate on individual incomes and corporation tax. A further reduction of about \$500,000,000, it was estimated, will occur from miscellaneous sources and shrinkage in beverage revenues.

What Bill Proposes.
"The main outline of the program proposed by the committee thus becomes clear," the report states. "For the fiscal year 1919 it is planned to raise nearly \$4,600,000,000 from income and profits taxes and something over \$1,400,000,000 from other sources; for the fiscal year 1920 it is planned to raise somewhat less than \$3,000,000,000 from income profits taxes and about \$1,000,000,000 from other sources. About the general wisdom of such a program we entertain no serious doubt. It is imperative that profits and income for the year 1918 be heavily taxed. This not only is necessary, but it is equitable and in accordance with sound public policy. The profits realized during the year 1918 are, in large part, war profits; they are now in the pocket of the taxpayer; they should contribute heavily, before they have been dissipated or reinvested, toward the payment of the expenses of the war, to which in large measure they are attributable.

"But it is equally important that these special taxes should be reduced, as the occasion which inspired and justifies them recedes into the past. To fail adequately to tax the war profits of 1918 would constitute a manifest miscarriage of fiscal justice. Not to provide now for the reduction of the war profits tax would be equally inexcusable."

Loss on Beverage Tax.
In addition to the tax reductions due to the fact that the Government now copes with peace instead of war conditions, prohibition is expected to reduce revenue returns greatly. Beverage taxes under the House bill were estimated to raise \$1,137,000,000 during their first 12 months of operation and \$850,000,000 for the 1919 fiscal year. "At the present time, under changed conditions," the report states, "it is possible to expect only upon \$500,000,000 for 1918-1919 and \$23,000,000 for 1919-1920 from this source."

Analyzing in detail the commit-

tee's radical changes, Simmons' report explains that the revised individual surtax rates graduated upward 1 per cent on each \$1000 over \$5000 are more equitable than the arbitrary graduations of the House bill. The bill retains the House provisions for income taxation of salaries, including those possibly of the

President and Federal Judges, legality of which, the report states, is left to the courts if the question is raised. The report, however, says that the House clause for Federal taxation of new state and municipal bonds was stricken out, as "it seemed unwise for Congress to impose this tax upon

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Gifts From Kennard's

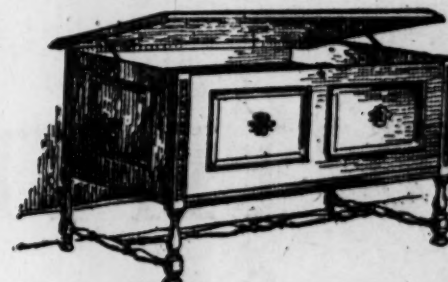
The problem of selecting gifts that will merit hearty appreciation can be solved in this store where the smaller home furnishings are so beautiful, yet moderately priced.



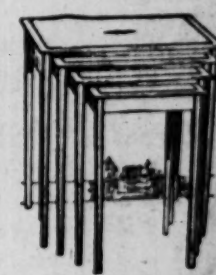
Floor Lamps
The newest and most attractive. The one shown is entirely of iron with adjustable bracket.
\$18 and upwards



Book Racks
Plain mahogany and mahogany decorated. Numerous styles.
\$14 and upwards



Period Hope Chests
William and Mary, Tudor and Queen Anne walnut and mahogany. Cedar lined. Sliding trays.
\$55



Nests of Tables
The great "multum in parvo" in furniture.
\$20 & upwards



Candelabras
Various designs, old iron, polychrome, brass and wood; stately and ornamental.
\$22 and upwards



End Tables
To place by chair or davenport to provide for the lamp and other comforts. Solid mahogany.
\$14 and upwards



Book Blocks
Mahogany and Polychrome.
\$5 and upwards



Oval Rugs
A beautiful assortment of the popular oval-shaped rugs; charming shades in blues, mulberry, pink and old rose.
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Martha Washington Sewing Tables
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A2657—85c.

"Oh How I Wish I Could Sleep"

"Until My Daddy Comes Home"—that's the refrain of the most appealing baby song the war has yet inspired. Its instant success has outdone even the popularity of "A Baby's Prayer at Twilight." Sung by Henry Burr.
A2656—85c



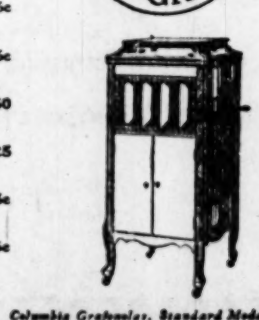
A Little Birch Canoe and You

The catchiest of words, wedded to an irresistible melody, cleverly harmonized by the Sterling Trio—the result is a record that's a joy to hear. Coupled with "Light Your Little Lamp of Love."
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When I Return
I Can Always Find a Little Sunshine in the Y. M. C. A. from "Yip Yip Yaphank" Peerless Quartette
Ding Dong, from "Yip Yip Yaphank"
Mama's in the Cold, Cold Ground (Foster) Oscar Seagle and Columbia Stellar Quartette
Old Folks at Home (Foster)
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Beautiful Ohio—Waltz
Russian Rag Fox-Trot Earl Fuller's Rector Novelty Orchestra
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Chief Investigator for De-
partment of Justice Ends
Testimony Before Senate
Committee.

TELLS NEW BOLO
PASHA INCIDENT

Gives His Theory for Attitude
of Hearst Newspapers in
Reply to Questions by Sen-
ators.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, completed his testimony yesterday before the Senate committee investigating brewers and German propaganda. For three days Bielaski had bared the confidential files of the department to show the vain effort of former Ambassador von Bernstorff and other agents of the Kaiser to influence public sentiment in America in favor of Germany.

Seven and one-half million dollars was the cost to Germany of the propaganda campaign in the United States, Bielaski said, the sum coming from the total fund of \$27,850,000 held by the embassy in Washington. Part of the money went for the purchase of newspapers and the printing and distribution of literature and part of it was sent to German Consuls over the country.

Bielaski's testimony does not conclude the committee's inquiry into the activity of the German representatives.

German Commends Papers.

In the course of his testimony yesterday Bielaski read from a report made to Berlin by Dr. Karl F. Fuehr, an agent of the German Embassy on propaganda. This praised the attitude of William Randolph Hearst toward Germany and included a list of "neutral" papers: the New York Evening Mail, the Milwaukee Free Press, the Chicago Tribune, the Washington Post and the Hearst organs. Fuehr said that of these the Hearst papers were the most valuable because of their large circulation, and the fact that they were printed in so many different cities.

Hearst Again Dragged In.
"The Hearst papers are not to be classified as blind champions of Germany," Fuehr's report said. "Many of the articles are not favorable to us. But for that reason they are much more effective than they could possibly be if pronouncedly pro-German."

Special Praise for Hearst.
Bielaski told the committee that of all the newspapers published in the United States the Hearst organs "were the most pronounced in favor of Germany."

"There is no other newspaper man," said Bielaski, "whose attitude was so friendly to Germany."
"If this inquiry were limited to an investigation of paid propagandists we could not mention Hearst. There is no evidence that Hearst received profits from the German Government or from anyone acting for it."
"How do you account for Hearst's attitude?" asked Senator Nelson of Minnesota.

"It probably was because Hearst always was anti-British and suspicious of everything that country did or it may have been caused by his friendship with Count von Bernstorff," replied the witness.

"What was his attitude after the United States entered the war?" asked Chairman Overman.

"His attitude continued very questionable," replied Bielaski. "Many articles published in his papers, if published after the passage of the espionage act as amended would have subjected him to prosecution." Bielaski said all his depositions have to indicate that Hearst endeavored to get any favor in return for his support of Germany was his application for his papers to get a special news service German agents planned to send to newspapers in the United States. William Bayard Hale, Bielaski said, recommended that the request be granted because of the opportunity afforded of wide circulation of the news.

Senator King of Utah objected to placing in the records telegrams sent by Hearst from Palm Beach, Fla., instructing his editors at New York and elsewhere as to editorial policy, saying the message were irrelevant. After an executive session, however, the committee voted to place some of the telegrams in the record.

In the discussion by the committee of the "neutral" papers named in Fuehr's list, Senator Nelson remarked:

"The Washington Post was bad up to the time of the death of John R. McLean. I used to read it every morning and swear. For a couple of years we had only one fair newspaper in Washington, and that was the Star."

New Light on Bolo.

Activities in this country of Bolo Pasha, executed recently in France for high treason, were touched upon briefly by Bielaski, who said Bolo came here ostensibly to buy print paper, but in reality to obtain money for the purchase of a newspaper in France. Bolo, Bielaski said, was brought to this country by a representative of Hearst and was introduced to Hearst.

"There is one fact we have about Bolo Pasha which has never been published before," said Bielaski.

"That is that Pasha was in touch with the German embassy here shortly after war was declared by Germany in 1914. In a note book of Dr. Albert, which we have in our possession, there appears this entry: 'Prepare telegram to Pasha.' That, we believe, shows conclusively that the embassy knew intimately of Pasha and probably knew of his activities."

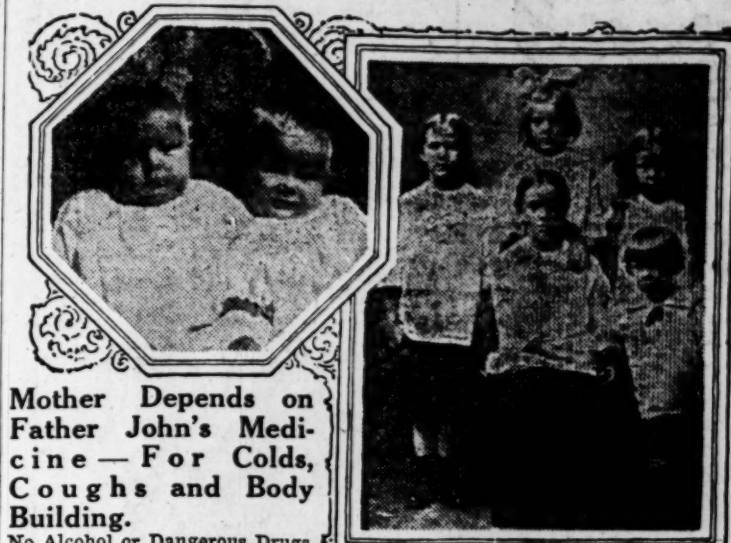
Other testimony given yesterday by Bielaski dealt with the activities of labor's National Peace Council, Capt. Franz von Rintelin sent to this country to stop shipments of munitions to the allies and the Hans Lebeau Relief Bureau, ostensibly a philanthropic organization, but in reality formed Bielaski said, to keep Germans and Austrians from working in munitions factories.

Samuel Untermyer of New York, whose name Bielaski mentioned in connection with efforts of the German agents to purchase a newspaper in New York, has asked Senator Overman that he be permitted to testify. The request was granted, but no date for his appearance has set in.

Tea Drinking Increases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Tea drinking apparently increased 36 per cent in the United States during the year ending last June 30, for 148,684,000 pounds were imported, as compared with 105,984,000 pounds the year previous, a customs report today showed.

How This Fine Family of Seven Children Keeps Healthy



Mother Depends on
Father John's Medicine—
For Colds,
Coughs and Body
Building.

No Alcohol or Dangerous Drugs

"For the last four years whenever any of our seven children have had colds, we gave them Father John's Medicine," writes Klaus Zandstra of Paterson, N. J.
"We have used it for all of the children and they have been greatly benefited by taking Father John's Medicine for colds and body-building. Crowded with nourishment and warmth-giving, strength-building elements, Father John's Medicine is also guaranteed free from alcohol or dangerous drugs, and is, therefore, a safe reliable family medicine.—ADV.



Happy Feet for All the House

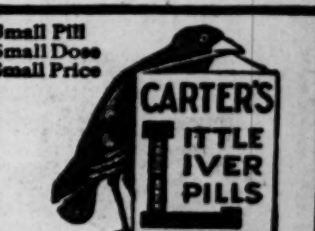
HAPPY, healthy feet are those free from corns, bunions, ingrown nails, fallen arches. Educators bring such feet (to the whole family).

For you can never have happy feet as long as they are bound with unrelenting pressure in narrow, pointed shoes. So get into Educators today—into shoes that let the feet grow as they should."

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those who lack iron in the blood,
as most pale-faced people do.

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Mrs. A. H. Hager, 909 London Road, Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been taking your Cadomene Tablets for the past month. They certainly did wonders for me, as I was so nervous I wasn't able to do my own housework; so sick and miserable. Now I can do all my own work and feel good all the time. My daughter and her husband have also been taking them, and they helped wonderfully."

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—ADV.

MCKINLEY LINES EXECUTIVE TALKS OF STRIKEBREAKERS

Will Be Forced to Undertake Resumption of Traffic, Says Vice President

Warning that the Illinois Traction System (McKinley Lines) will use strikebreakers unless the striking motormen and conductors return to work soon, was made at Peoria, Ill., today by H. C. Chubbuck, vice president executive of the company, who said:

"We have given the trainmen every chance in the world. If some progress is not made soon toward a settlement the company will be forced to undertake the resumption of traffic."

No cars have been in operation since last Thursday night, when the men walked out, after a failure to agree on the terms of a proposed wage increase.

ILLINOIS MINE WORKERS ELECTING OFFICERS TODAY

Estimated 75,000 Votes Will Be Cast for International, State and District Tickets.

Illinois mine workers are holding an election today of international, state and district officers. It is estimated that 75,000 votes will be cast. The contest for international president is between Frank J. Hayes, incumbent, and John H. Walker. Walker recently declined re-election as president of the Illinois Federation of Labor to make this race.

The ticket for State officers follows: President, Frank Farrington, Springfield; Frank Heffley, Collinsville; Vice president, Harry Fishwick, Springfield; D. T. Stuart, Belleville; Gomer Davis, Freeburg; Secretary, Walter Nesbitt, Belleville; John T. Jones, West Frankfort. International board members, John M. Zimmerman, Springfield; Edward Dobbins, Belleville.

FISHES KEY THROUGH SCREEN AND GETS OUT OF WORKHOUSE

Negro Breaks Open a Desk and Takes Two Loaded Revolvers as He Leaves.

An unusual escape from the workhouse was made Sunday by James Rich, 22 years old, a negro, under a year's sentence from May 12, for larceny.

He had been used as a porter in the office. He obtained two sticks, fastened them together lengthwise and to the end attached a wire. He poked the stick through a two-inch iron mesh that separated that part of the office in which he was from a private office and fished from a nail a key to the outer gate. He broke open a desk, stole two loaded revolvers and walked out.

WOMEN RENEW DRIVE FOR THE PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION

Total Collected Up and Including Yesterday Was \$79,765.51 of \$150,000 Needed.

With a total of \$79,765.51 reported up to and including yesterday, the team workers of the men's and women's divisions of the St. Louis Provident Association today vigorously renewed their efforts to reach their \$150,000 goal by tomorrow night. George M. Brown, president of the association, announced that the recent influenza spread had mitigated against a successful campaign as had been anticipated, but that it was hoped that many donors, not reached by personal call, would mail their subscriptions.

DETECTIVES COMPLAINED OF O'BRIEN Orders Investigation of Charge House Was "Shot Up"

An investigation has been ordered by Acting Chief of Police O'Brien into a complaint made by Ernest Guidice, 5322 Patterson avenue, who claimed two men representing themselves as city detectives visited his home during a celebration Sunday and after being refused whisky insulted his wife and "shot up" the home before departing.

Special Officer B. W. Russell, Mounted District, reported yesterday he had visited the Guidice home at 10 p. m. Sunday. He said he and a friend were passing and, hearing sounds of revelry inside, sought to investigate to ascertain if the liquor laws were being violated. He said he was offered beer, but refused that, and then asked if he could buy whisky. When told he could not, he says, he departed.

MINOOLA ROAD WORK DEFENDED

Following the publication in Sunday's Post-Dispatch of a news story telling how the first State road job was bungled at Minola, Mo., the State Highway Department yesterday issued a written statement stating that it "courted an investigation," and asking that judgment be withheld until after the first of the year. It denied that the board has been dominated by politics, and said it had endeavored to secure the co-operation of all the counties in the State to get a system of State roads started. The statement was signed by three members of the Highway Board, E. L. Sanford, C. O. Raine and George E. McIninch.

Surrender of German Locomotives Postponed, Berlin Paper Says.

AMSTERDAM, Monday, Dec. 9.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says it learns from competent sources that Marshal Foch has agreed to postpone the date for the surrender of all German locomotives until Feb. 1.

FRENCH WOMAN HERE TO STUDY WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

President of French National Association of Women Seeking Rehabilitation Methods.

Mme. Avril de Sainte-Croix, president of the French National Association of Women, arrived here today to study the surroundings and condition of St. Louis women engaged in industrial occupations. She is at Hotel Statler as the guest of the National Y. W. C. A. She is the first woman ever appointed a member of the French Interparliamentary Commission on Public Morals. Since the beginning of the present war she has founded and operated canteens for women munition workers in France, and at present conducts four homes for the care of French girls returned from territory occupied by the Germans. These girls, she said, have become invalids as a result of their treatment by the enemy.

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Rub Pain, Soreness, Stiffness, Sciatica away with St. Jacob's Liniment.

Count fifty. Pain gone! Rheumatism is "pain only." Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop drugging. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Liniment" directly upon the "tender spot" and relief comes instantly. "St. Jacob's Liniment" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and cannot burn or discolor the skin.

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TONNAGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE U. S. FOOD SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE

Probability That Materials Beside Food May Be Exported

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Monday, Dec. 9.—A survey of the shipping and food situation as set forth in the conferences centering around Edward N. Hurley of the American Shipping Board and Herbert C. Hoover, the American Food Administrator, leads allied food and shipping heads to believe that there is available enough tonnage to handle present food needs. Conditions are such, it is believed, also that it is not unreasonable to expect that some tonnage might

soon be released to carry American exports other than food. Much tonnage has been released from carrying munitions and raw materials for munitions.

IMPRISONED AMERICANS FREED

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 9.—Twenty-six hundred American prisoners of war interned at Camp Eastert left there yesterday and today for Switzerland. Two hundred other Americans who have been scattered in various camps in Germany are leaving Germany by way of Holland and Denmark.

It is expected that the last of the Americans will be out of German camps by the middle of this week.

SHOEMART 507 Washington Ave. Sensible Gifts

For Men, Women and Children YOU'LL be surprised to see how many pretty and delightfully pleasing gift selections you can make at Shoe-Mart, and they are all gifts that, while useful and practical, are thoroughly in accord with the spirit of the season.

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BEAUTIFUL Boots in gray tops or brown kid with cloth tops to match—leather Louis heels with plain toes—military heels with perforated tips and white welting—special at... **\$5.85**

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WHILE children under 16 cannot enter the store, selections made by parents will be exchanged if necessary to assure a correct fit... **98c**

Women's Shoes
NEWEST styles in all-kid or black—or the same pleasing colorings in cloth tops—leather Louis or military heels—special at... **\$3.65**

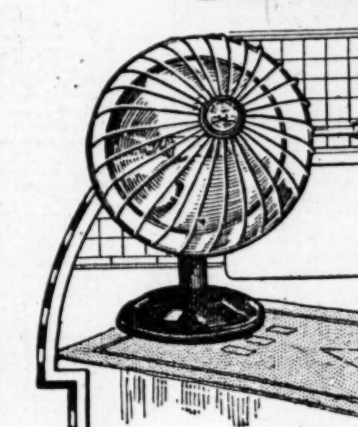
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FREE Attractive Christmas souvenirs free with all children's shoes.

ILLINOIS WOMAN DIES AT 103; READ POST-DISPATCH 45 YEARS

Mrs. Katharine Britt Had Never Known a Day's Illness and Did Not Require Glasses. Mrs. Katharine Britt, who was probably the oldest constant reader of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, died yesterday at New Douglas, Ill., where she resided with her son, John Britt.

She was past 103. Mrs. Britt was a native of Ireland and had never known a day's sickness. Every faculty remained normal. Mrs. Britt had been a daily reader of the Post-Dispatch for 45 years, and during the war she followed events with the keenest interest by a constant perusal of its columns without glasses. Death was due to old age. Her funeral was this morning at New Douglas.



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DEATHS

Death notices, first 5 times or less, \$1; each extra line 20c; memorials, etc., 25c per line.

BRADY—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 1:30 p. m., Mary Brady (nee Cassidy), beloved wife of John Brady and dear mother of Mrs. De Hater (nee Brady), mother-in-law and grandmother, after a lingering illness. Funeral from Herman & Son's chapel, 4141 Florissant avenue, to St. Carmel Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)

BRESSLER—Entered into rest on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1918, at 1 o'clock p. m., Elliott J. Bressler, beloved husband of Mrs. William Bressler, father of William, Francis, Virgil and Alvera Bressler, son of Mary Bressler (nee Montague), our dear son-in-law, brother and uncle. Funeral will take place from Arthur J. Donnelly's funeral parlors, 2848 Lindell boulevard, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 1:30 o'clock. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. (c)

BUNKE—Entered into rest on Sunday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 10:30 p. m., Clara Bunke (nee Kohra), beloved wife of Henry Bunke, dear mother of Mildred and late Bernice Bunke and our dear sister and daughter-in-law, at 11 a. m. Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 1 p. m., from St. John's Cemetery. Private. Motor. (c)

CALVERT—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 1:30 p. m., Margaret Calvert, beloved daughter of Bertha Calvert (nee Brown) and late Charles Calvert, daughter of Eugene and Loretta Calvert and Mrs. Gus Calvert. Funeral will take place from the family residence, 1714 North Glasgow avenue, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p. m. Notice of time will be given. (c)

CARPENTIER—On Saturday, Dec. 7, 1918, at 10:45 p. m., at Horton, Kan., Mary G. Carpentier (nee Hannagan), widow of Robert Carpentier and dear mother of Lucille, Elizabeth and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hannagan, and our dear sister. Due notice of funeral from Thomas J. Finck's Chapel, 2841 North Union avenue, will be given. (c)

CLARK—Entered into rest at Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Dec. 8, 1918, at 9:15 a. m., Margaret Clark (nee McGee), wife of Mr. E. N. Clark and our dear grandmother and great-grandmother. (c)

COFFIN—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 1:30 p. m., James H. Coffin, beloved mother of Mabel Kna (nee Coffin), in-law and grandmother. Funeral from family residence, 2841 Lindell boulevard, Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p. m., from residence, 2841 Lindell boulevard, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)

CROPP—On Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 5:45 p. m., Stella Cropp, dear daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cropp (nee Cropp), and sister of Mrs. Richard Rhodes at the age of 47 years. Funeral from family residence, 1208 Dolman street, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 1 p. m., to Valhalla Cemetery. Motor. (c)

CULLEN—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 4:45 p. m., James H. Cullen, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Cullen, beloved son of the late Patrick and Hannah Cullen and dear brother of Mrs. Anna Margaret and Mrs. Carl Trumbull, dear brother of John, Dan and William Cullen, and our dear uncle and grandfather, at the age of 47 years. Funeral from family residence, 1849 Allen avenue, Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a. m., thence to Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)

CUNNINGHAM—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 1:30 p. m., Thomas Cunningham, beloved son of the late Patrick and Hannah Cunningham and dear brother of Mrs. Hannah Cunningham. Funeral from family residence, 1849 Allen avenue, Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a. m., thence to Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)

DALE—On Monday, Dec. 9, 1918, at 6:30 p. m., John J. Dale, mother of Jack Allison Dale (nee Allison), and sister of John J. Dale, Private George D. in France, brother of Mrs. Arthur J. Gillespie and Mrs. Edwin W. Hutt. Funeral from family residence, 3912 St. Ferdinand avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a. m., to Calvary Cemetery. Private. Motor. (c)

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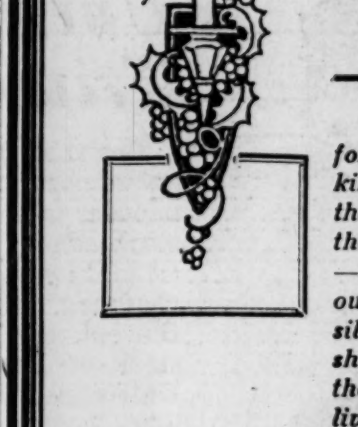
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room is furnished with a three-piece
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two arm rockers, upholstered seats; one upholstered settee, one center table, two chairs, one arm chair, one 12-ft. Gray rug.

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one 9x12 linoleum rug, six wood-seat chairs
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 2.50 to \$27.50; sideboards, \$8.50; kitchen
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 For Texas shipment; 25,000 men's
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JUMP FROM BED IN MORNING AND DRINK HOT WATER

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman half the time feeling nervous, despondent, worried, some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice inside-bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anaemic-looking souls with puffy, muddy complexions, we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system means an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons, which are absorbed into the blood.

(Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins.) Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effect upon the system.

—ADV.

LEAGUE TO OBTAIN NEW CONSTITUTION FOR STATE FORMED

Active Fight to Be Made to Deprive Public Service Commission of Its Principal Powers.

MAYORS AMONG 200 DELEGATES AT MEETING

Cowgill of Kansas City Would Make It Impossible for Any Franchise to Be Altered by Utilities Body.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10. There was organized here yesterday at a meeting of more than 200 Missouri Mayors and representatives of civic and commercial organizations, the New State Constitution League of Missouri to make an active fight before the next Legislature, which convenes Jan. 8, for a convention to frame a new State Constitution, and to open a fight to deprive the Missouri Public Service Commission of its principal powers.

The organization of the league, which some of its promoters will attempt to direct into a permanent league of Missouri municipalities, marks the first organized effort to exert real pressure on the Legislature for a new Constitution, efforts in other years having failed largely because there was no body with sufficient funds to maintain an organization strong enough to combat the powerful corporation and liquor lobby which has opposed the movement.

Harber Is President.

Edward M. Harber, City Counselor of Kansas City, was chosen president of the league, and was empowered to appoint an executive committee of seven members, a legislative committee of nine members and such other committees as he may deem necessary to have complete charge of the campaign.

The need for a new Constitution was outlined in a report from a committee appointed at the meeting yesterday. This committee pointed out that Missouri cities and towns are hampered in their development by constitutional restrictions as to their revenues and control of public utilities; that the school system of the State is inadequate because of constitutional defects and limitations, and that the election laws are imperfect.

Methods of Procedure. Speakers explained that the making of a new Constitution is a long process, and that nothing toward its formation can be done until the Legislature passes a bill submitting to a vote the question of whether a convention to frame a Constitution shall be held. If a majority of voters favor the holding of a convention, elections of delegates shall then be held in each senatorial district in the State, each district being entitled to two delegates, which would make a convention of 78 members.

There is no time limit fixed by the Constitution for the length of the convention. After the proposed new Constitution is framed, it must be submitted to the voters of the entire State not less than 60 days nor more than six months after its adoption by the convention. A majority vote in favor of ratification is necessary. Thirty days after its approval by the voters it becomes effective.

Although it had been understood by many executives that the meeting yesterday was principally for the purpose of considering means for a new Constitution, it developed that Mayor Cowgill of Kansas City, who called it, was interested in obtaining legislation which would either abolish the Public Service Commission or take from it many of its most important powers.

As a result of activities of Cowgill and Harber, a committee appointed to consider the matter made a drastic report placing the meeting on record as favoring legislation which would take public utilities out of control of the commission and place the control in the municipalities, where it was before the creation of the commission in 1913.

Stormy Session.

The session of this committee was rather stormy and at one time five of its nine members favored a report pledging the league to a campaign to abolish the commission. The recommendations finally reported and approved by the league were for legislation which will deny the commission the right to make any order which will set aside, modify or affect in any way any franchise contract; deny the commission power to make any order changing rates fixed in franchises; require the commission to place its experts at the service of municipalities, and place control of all utilities in the municipalities they served.

Mayor Kiel of St. Louis was elected vice president of the league and Sidney J. Roy of Hannibal, secretary and treasurer.

President Harber announced that he would not name the executive and legislative committees for several days.

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Delicious kind from
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*A Praiseworthy Collection, Divided
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Are fashioned of Broadcloth, Gabardine, Wool Poplin, Oxford Cloth, Fancy Mixtures and Novelty Materials, some strictly tailored, others trimmed in various refined ways with fur, braid, buttons, buckles and other fancy touches. Some belted models are included. Novelty collars and cuffs are featured. The shades—all of the newest and plenty of navy and black. All sizes for women and misses.

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Mahogany Mantel Clocks, \$9.00

Eight-day Clocks, fitted with Cathedral gongs that strike the half hour, 10½ inches high, 17½ inches wide.

Willard Wall Clocks, \$30

A reproduction of the clock in George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. 30-day type.

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Dainty Gothic styles in mahogany finish.

Glass Crystal Regulators

8-day timepieces—finished in brass or gold plate—Cathedral gong that strikes the half hour. \$22.50 to \$35

Massive Mantel Clocks, \$11

Mahogany finished, 8-day mantel clocks, 21 inches long. Cathedral gong that strikes the half hour.

Westminster Chime Clocks, \$50

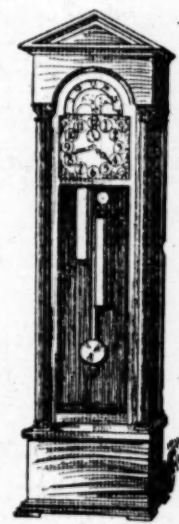
Mahogany Westminster Chime Clocks, handsomely designed and possessed of an unusual sweetness of tone.

Alarm Clocks, \$1.35 to \$6.50

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Tablecloths, \$3.50

Hemstitched or scalloped bleached Tablecloths, size 2x2 yards—heavy mercerized damask and boxed.

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Napkins, Doz. \$3.50

Hemstitched bleached damask Napkins—mercerized finish—size 20x20-in.

Dresser Scarfs, \$3

All-linen scalloped edge Scarfs with eyelet embroidery. Size 18x54-in.

Day Cases, Pr. \$2.50

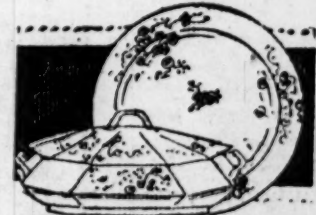
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108 Pieces... **\$35.00**

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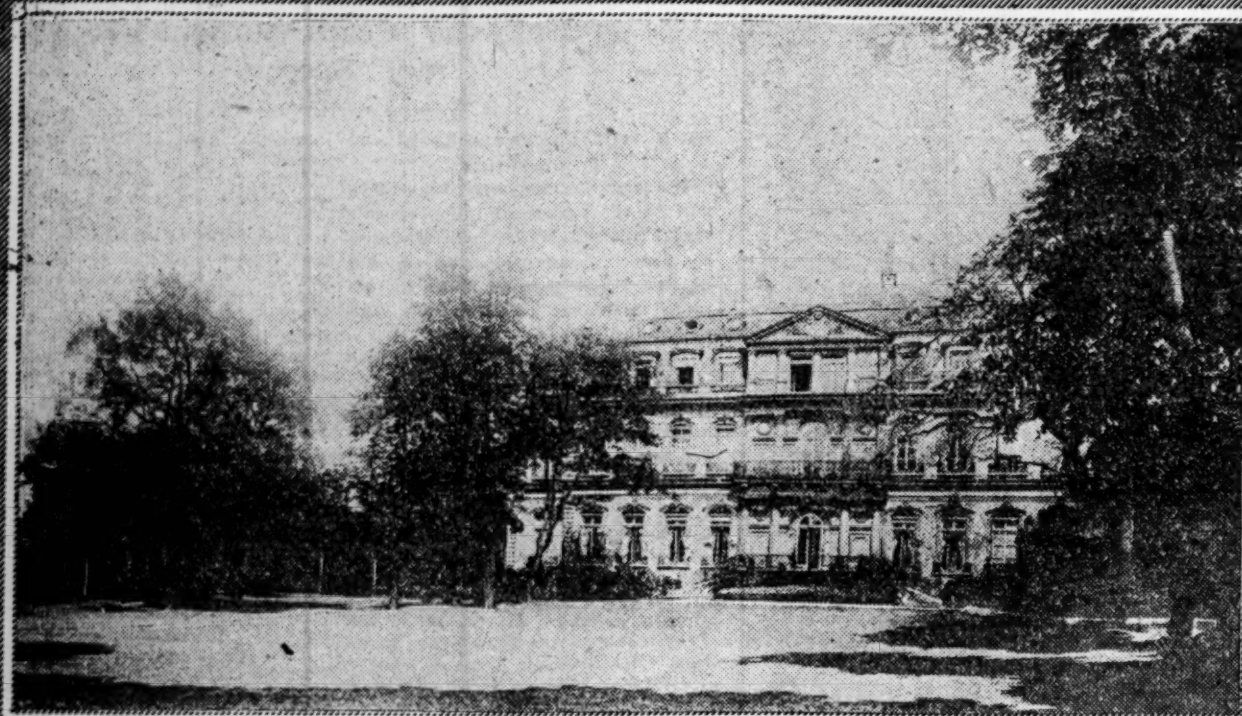
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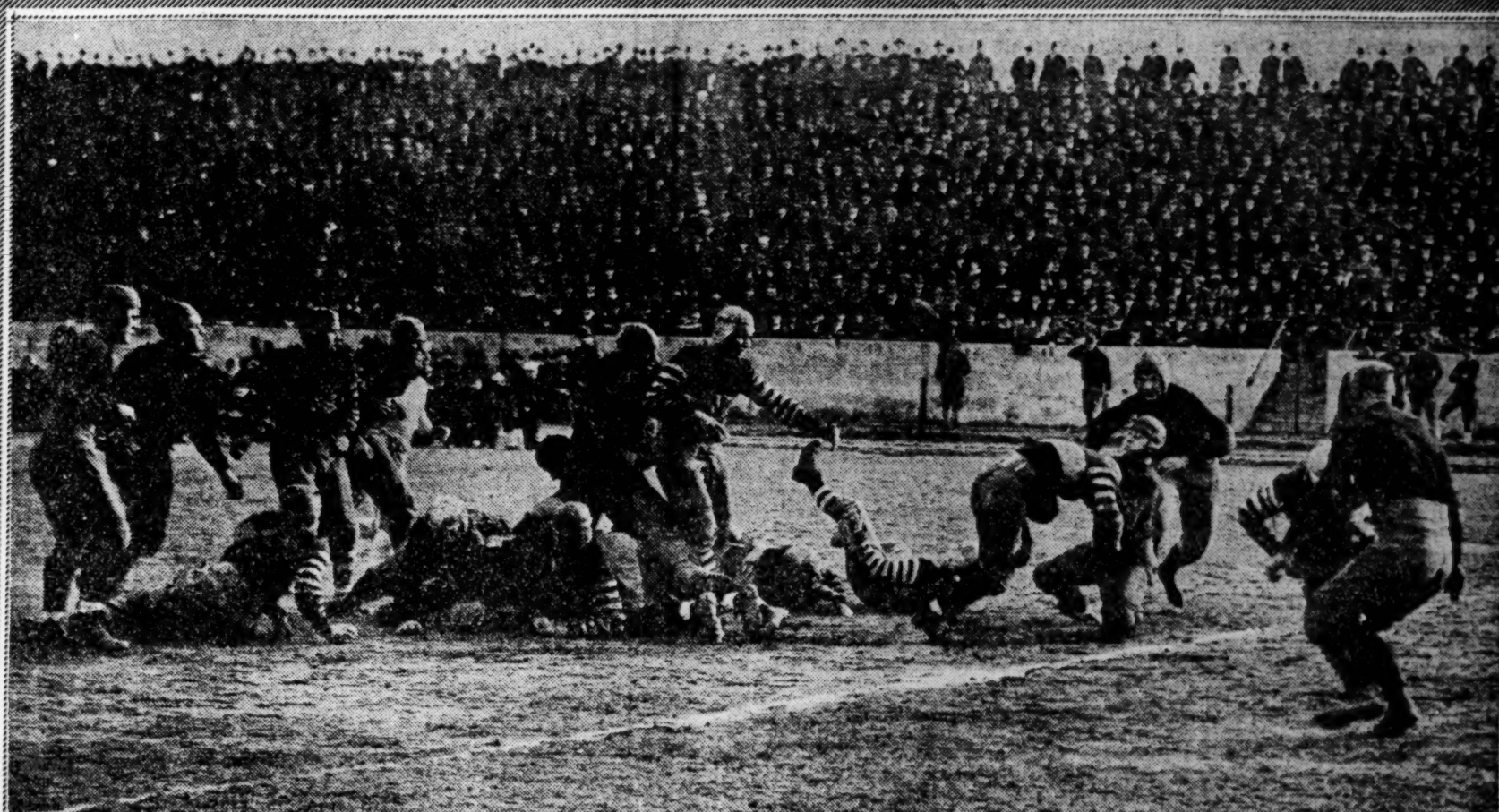
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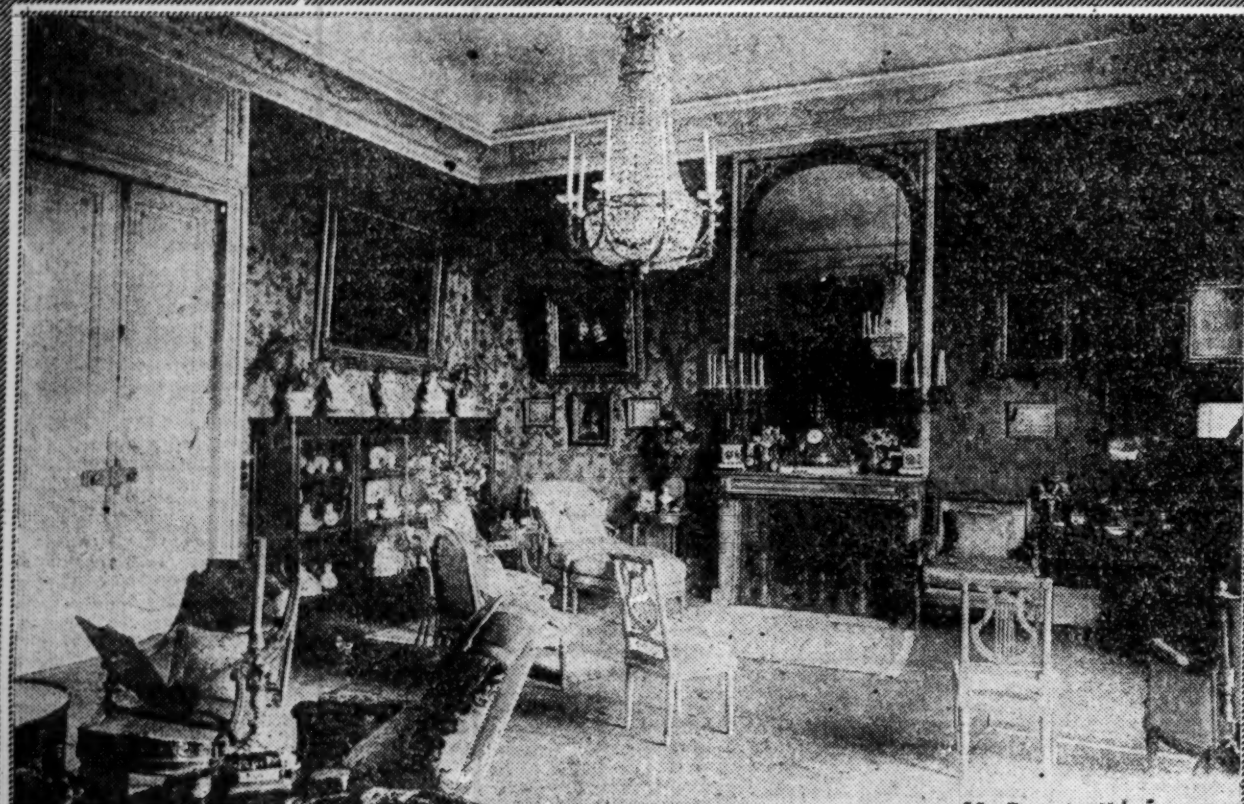
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Exterior view of the famous Murat Palace which will be President Wilson's domicile in Paris, and one of its ornate drawing rooms. It is the town house of the Prince and Princess Murat.
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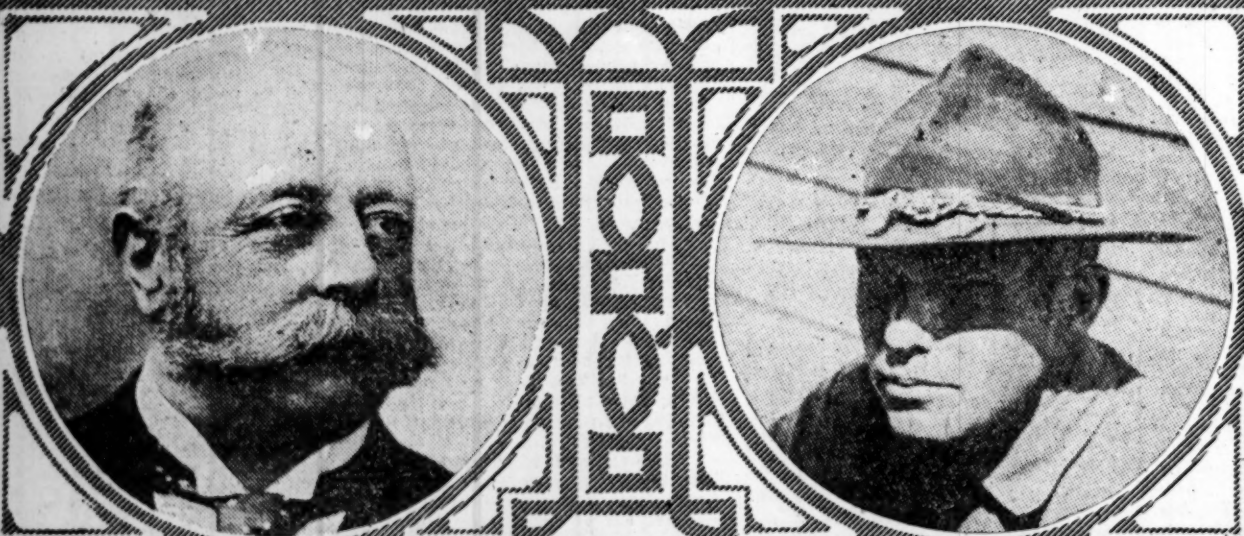
Washington University eleven stopping Nebraska halfback after plunge through Red and Green line in contest for Missouri Valley championship, under war-time rules.



This 15-year-old Chicago girl, Miss Dellora F. Angell, is heiress of \$15,000,000 estate left by her aunt, Mrs. John W. Gates, widow of famous financier and plunger.
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The ex-Kaiser's not very enthusiastic host in Holland, Count Bentinck, whose ancestor founded the house of the Dukes of Portland in England under William III.
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Capt. George G. McMurty, an officer of the famous "Lost Battalion," who has received the Congressional Medal, America's highest reward for conspicuous bravery.
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Old men of Valenciennes cheering victorious Canadians as they entered this anchor of the Hindenburg line.
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Scotch bag-pipers entering Mons, where, by dramatic coincidence, England began and ended the war.
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JOSEPH PULITZER.
April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Armenians Want American Protection.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I, the undersigned, an Armenian, am indebted to Old Glory for the lives of my wife, children and myself, having taken shelter in the house of an American missionary during the terrible massacre of 1896 at Van, Armenia. After this massacre I fled my homeland, together with my family, and am ever since in this most blessed country and one of the old-time members of the family of the Post-Dispatch's readers. I am numbered among the Armenians who have American education. The number of the Armenians like me is vast, because there are not only a great many Armenian youngsters who have been and are being educated in the educational institutions of this country, but a vast majority of the Armenian youth in Turkey has been richly improving the golden opportunity of getting American education in the eight American colleges and many a school of all grades in Armenia, which has been the field of the foreign mission of the American Board for nearly a century. Moreover, philanthropic Uncle Sam has played more than one time the part of the Good Samaritan, when the unspokeable Turk has stripped the Armenians of their raiment and wounded them and leaving them half dead.

It goes without saying that we Armenians are pro-Uncle Sam from the crowns of our heads to the soles of our feet. Now that the time wearily longed for is arriving, when the Armenians will shake off the secular yoke of the unspokeable Turk, they do not want to have the suzerainty or the hegemony over them of a Power which has political designs in the prospective independent Armenia. The Armenians are very anxious to be under the protectorate of disinterested Uncle Sam, in whose political, not political sphere of influence is Armenia. I wish the American press, which has been pro-Armenian all the time, would kindly take up the cudgels for, and mold public opinion in behalf of this question of transcendent importance.

K. T. RUSHAN.

A World War Museum.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

With reference to a "World War Museum" as outlined by Mr. A. Blair Ridgway in your issue of Nov. 29, I wish to state that he and other interested citizens are respectfully requesting to align themselves with the St. Louis Natural History Museum Association, which has been organized and is working for just such a museum as he proposes.

The museum association has recently issued a bulletin setting forth the issue in question. Anyone desiring a copy of this bulletin, which is gratis, will please communicate with Mr. L. P. Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer, 4 Busch place, St. Louis, HERMANN SCHWARTZ.

President St. Louis Natural History Museum Association.

"Flu" Masks Ineffective.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Referring to the present "flu" epidemic, why does not the Health Commissioner force everyone to wear a mask. Some 30 days ago I was in San Francisco, where such a law was in effect. Everywhere, from the smallest street urchin to the tallest policeman was wearing a mask, in fact, there was a fine of from \$10 to \$100 imposed on anyone caught not wearing a mask. Masks were sold in all drug stores at 15 cents each, all ready by everyone wearing a mask, but it seems to me it would be a good precautionary measure for St. Louis to take especially in the face of the increased cases. Let's all wear masks.

AUGUST COURT.

The wearing of masks in California cities was found to be an ineffective method of combating the spread of influenza, according to a recent report of the California Health Board.—Editor Post-Dispatch.

Let King's Highway Alone.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Why not let old King's highway stand as it is? It is all right to change the German named streets, but there's a limit. Why, if this continues, very soon the 30 and 40 year residents will need a guide before they venture out. Oh, yes, I am very patriotic, and I prove it, I will relate an incident which happened to me not long since. I was employed as an office assistant in a small manufacturing establishment, when, one day, I overheard some talk (which bordered on profanity), between my employer and a customer, who informed me that my services were no longer required, and I haven't had a decent position since. Anyway, don't change too many of our streets, lest we get lost.

MISS C.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION LEAGUE.

The creation of a new constitution league by the conference of Mayors and other municipal authorities in Kansas City is a wise step, but it is only a step, in the direction of obtaining a new Constitution.

Never was a State more in need of a thorough revision of its fundamental laws than Missouri. The existing Constitution, good enough in its time, is antiquated and in a number of points hampers the development and growth of the Commonwealth and checks desirable improvements in governmental methods. It was framed for an earlier time and for conditions that have radically changed. Experience has taught us new public needs and improved ways of attaining them.

The present Constitution of Missouri is 43 years old, long past the age limit fixed by Jefferson for the life of a State Constitution. Instead of defining rights and powers in broad terms, it has specific provisions which are obstacles to progress.

The necessity for a Constitution would not be felt so severely if amendments had been adopted from time to time to meet new conditions and provide for the improved methods suggested by experience. In election after election constitutional amendments have been voted down, chiefly, perhaps, on account of the number and variety of the amendments offered. So many changes are desired by different elements of the people, some so objectionable to the voters that all amendments, without discrimination, have been voted down. The outworn provisions of the Constitution persist with its good provisions; needed changes to meet modern conditions and progressive ideas fail.

We say the organizing of a new Constitution League is only one good step, because the value of the league will depend wholly upon its activities—their character and direction. If we are to get a new Constitution, a thorough campaign of education is necessary—as to the necessity of a new Constitution and as to the changes required for our needs.

For this purpose the league should extend its organization to every part of the State. It should undertake a vigorous campaign of education. The State should be canvassed to discover what work is required and when it is required.

The object to be gained is well worth all the labor progressive citizens can put into it. Missouri is passing through a critical period, when competition with growing and progressive commonwealths demands the freeing of our energies and resources and the utilization of our freed energies and resources to the development of the State in every path of progress.

Probably the greatest obstacle to obtaining a new Constitution, as it has been the greatest obstacle to amending the old Constitution is the opposition of a combination of powerful, greedy interest which use the existing constitutional checks as bulwarks for the perpetuation of their sordid and oppressive ends. When the people recognize these bulwarks and comprehend how they are abused, we will have a new Constitution.

The suggestion to smelt German guns and recast them into bells for the capitals of the allied nations is somewhat in keeping with the prophet's idea of turning swords into plowshares.

JOINT RAIL AND RIVER RATES.

The offering of a joint rail and water rate between points in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Northern Indiana, Iowa and the State of Missouri north of the Missouri River and New Orleans and points in that vicinity puts the Mississippi on the transportation map.

The section of the river utilized as the basis in framing the water-haul part of the joint rate is that from St. Louis to New Orleans, 1145 miles, on which a saving of 20 per cent in the freight charge as compared with the all-rail charge for that distance is made available.

This, of course, is only a measure of justice for points remote from the river itself and also from the present head of navigation under Government auspices, St. Louis. What it means for the river can be seen by imagining the results to a railroad 1145 miles long which was admitted to the benefits of through traffic after having been operated independently without interchange of traffic with the other lines in the national railroad system. The river now becomes a trunk line, with branches radiating through hundreds of thousands of square miles of territory at the upper end of its route. The differential of 20 per cent in favor of the rail-and-water line ought to result in the diversion of large amounts of freight moving between the North and the South.

The Mississippi is suddenly given rail tributaries which, for the time being at least, have greater importance than any of its river tributaries.

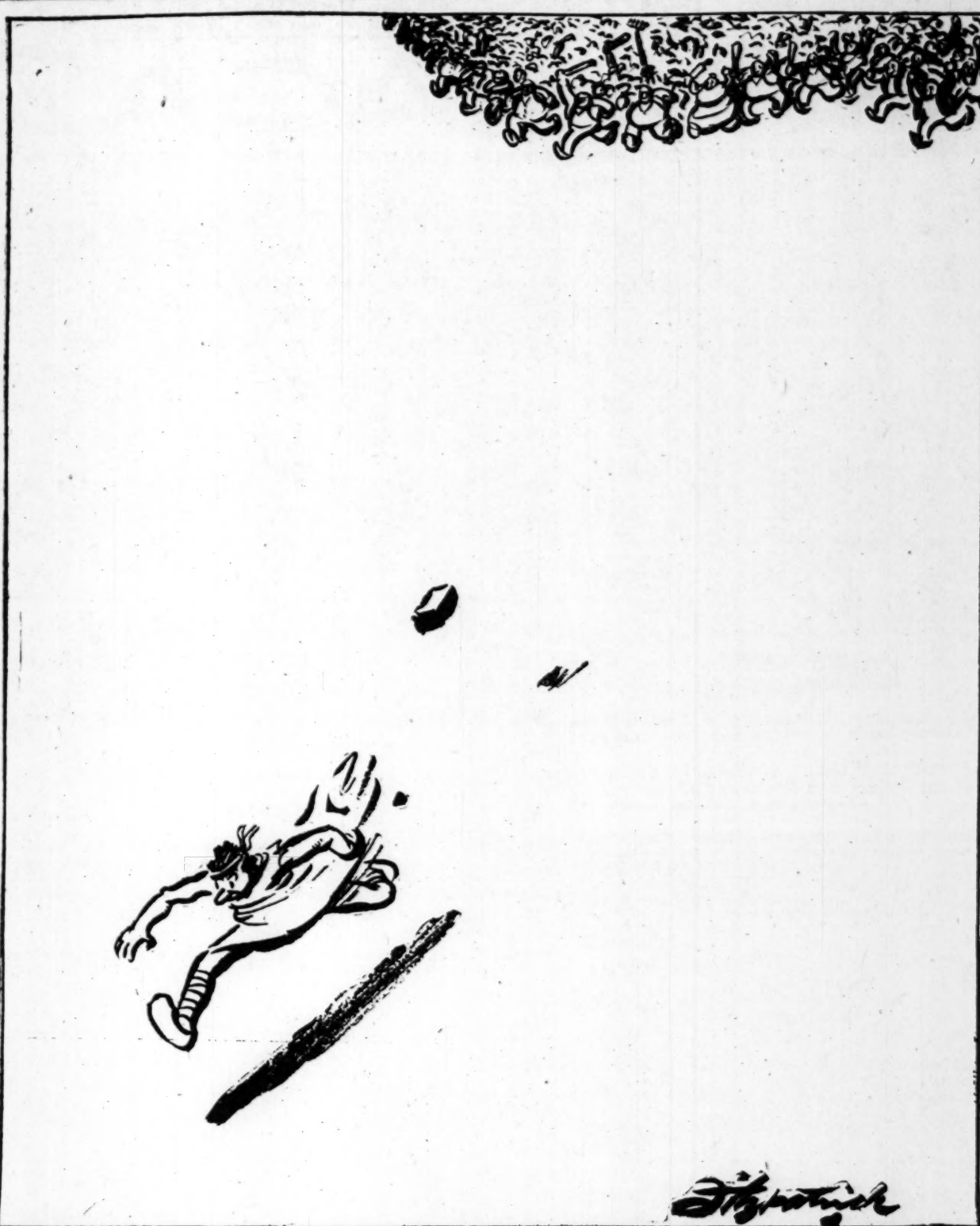
We are justified in believing that this is only a start in combining river facilities with rail facilities and that the joint rate territory adjacent to the southern as well as the northern portion of the valley will gradually be extended.

WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON AND MR. USHER.

Many great men have had their moments of doubt about the permanence and value of their most notable achievements. It may be that, as Prof. Usher of Washington University says, Washington had such moments. But whatever he may have said on the subject in his haste—Jefferson is reputed to have had an infirmity of temper—millions upon millions of Americans have been glad that he led the Revolution. The quality of service rendered by Thomas Jefferson and by Washington, too, is now too firmly established to suffer disparagement by Mr. Usher.

Friendly relations between America and England are extremely desirable, but we may doubt whether they are promoted by the Usher style of propaganda. That our first foreign war, the one that freed us from all presumptuous assertion of European domination, should come some time was inevitable. For our people to remain subordinated to a country of alien interests and aims, existing under different conditions, on a continent 3000 miles away, was intolerable. The fact is that the British have a class of Junkers not unlike those of Germany and their periodic ascendancy in British policies has often meant trouble for us. In desiring very earnestly better definitions of the law of the sea, we cannot be unmindful of what Junker sea power did before and during our Civil War. Tributes to the brilliant record of the British navy during the late war are not weakened by recalling that the mistress of the seas seemed to have met her match in the submarine unit reinforced by important units of our navy and the constructive resources of our shipyards.

Without satisfactory understandings as to sea rights, there will be an incessant demand in this country for an American navy as strong as England's. A just arrangement will save both countries an enormous naval burden and the world much trouble.



SPARTACUS TO THE GERMANS.

The MIRROR of PUBLIC OPINION

This column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading publicists, newspaper and periodicals on the questions of the day.

POLISH HOPES.

From the Indianapolis News.

THE thirteenth of President Wilson's fourteen points reads as follows: An independent Polish state should be erected which should include the territory inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea, and whose political and economic independence and territorial integrity should be guaranteed by international covenant.

Here is a job for the peace conference and after that a bit of police work to be done by the proposed league of nations. Americans who formerly were Poles, and Poles who are in this country at the present time are watching Polish Inter-Net have rejoiced at the proposal of the allied powers to return the port of Danzig and the provinces of Posen to the new Polish state. They argue, in this connection, that the contemplated action is of vital interest to the whole world because it is held that relieving Prussia of the serious burden of Poland will be an additional reason to expect peace of a more permanent character. Napoleon said that Poland was the keystone of Europe, and during the present year Lloyd George declared that the creation of a united and independent Poland was necessary for the stability of Europe. When Paderewski sailed from this country recently he declared that he left with only one idea, and that was to witness the development of a free, democratic Poland, a republic modeled on the lines of our own Government.

There will be many things to consider at the peace table and in the general discussion it is possible that some matters, otherwise important, may be shunted into the background. The Poles are going to see to it that the peace commissioners do not forget Poland. In this campaign they will have the support, not only of President Wilson, but of the liberty loving people throughout the United States. The wrong done Poland can not be righted any too soon.

WORK MUST BE PROVIDED.

From the Manufacturers' Record.

THE fight on the battle front has stopped, but the victory has not been won until all of the power of Germany is carried on its propaganda has been destroyed and until it has been made impossible for Germany to undertake another war.

Germany is seeking to create a Bolshevik development in this country akin to that in Russia. If there were no other motive than that of saving this country from such a condition it would be incumbent upon the nation and upon individuals to find employment for the men who are being turned out of munition and shipbuilding and kindred war work because of the cessation of hostilities.

Harmony between labor and capital, between employers and employees, must be developed by the co-operation between these elements. Upon employers and upon capital rests the greater responsibility to take the initiative in bringing this about, for the greater the opportunity the greater is the responsibility in work of this kind.

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clarke McDama

HELL ON EARTH.

THE world has been guided by might, instead of the principles of right, if we are to believe historians. Strife has been the arbiter of nations and directed the destinies of men, rather than the peaceful pursuits. From earliest times the passion for war has been deeply seated in the hearts of men, from the fiercest savage to the most refined and highly-cultivated man. No matter how depraved, no matter what their religion, morals, education or philosophy, all nations of men and individuals, excepting Quakers, are imbued with the spirit of war, of murder, robbery, conquest and of crimes unspokeable.

Every advantage achieved through war would have been secured by peaceful means with the brutality, ignorance, avarice, and stupidity of man obliterated.

If the war advocates would read over this list of the major world wars and study their effect on mankind, no reasonable intelligent and humane person could justify a single one—excepting perhaps the wars which acted on the defensive:

1773-1183 B. C. GREEK AND THROIAN WAR.—A war about a faithless wife. Troy was destroyed, and Greece lost much of her population.

750-50 B. C.—The Romans started out as a band of robbers and continued to steal and rob until they stole nearly all of the known world at that time.

480-479 B. C.—The Persians and Greeks fought the battle of Salamis, and the Greeks won.

431-404 B. C.—PELOPONNESIAN WAR.—Sparta conquered Greece and ruled it.

336-323 B. C.—WAR OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT.—The Macedonian empire was founded, Macedonia, Asia Minor and Egypt were conquered and divided up.

146-145 B. C.—PUNIC WARS.—A series of wars between Rome and Carthage, Rome conquered and divided up Macedonia.

88-82 B. C.—ROMAN AND PONTIC WAR.—Won by the Roman General, Pompey, in 64 B. C.

70-38 B. C.—GERMAN AND GALLIC WAR.—The Germans invaded Gaul and were defeated by Julius Caesar, who killed 50,000 in two hours at the mouth of the Rhine River.

58-51 B. C.—ROMAN AND GALLIC WAR.—The Gauls were conquered and divided up.

31-30 B. C.—OCTAVIAN, ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.—The Romans defeated Cleopatra and Antony at the battle of Actium.

18 B. C.—The Goths invaded Gaul. They were defeated by Posthumus, afterwards styled "Conqueror of the Germans and Savior of Gaul."

18 B. C.—The Emperor Probus defeated an invasion of Gaul by the Germans that had been driven out of Gaul by the Romans.

18 B. C.—Forty-five flourishing cities were destroyed by the Goths, and the Goths were driven out of Gaul.

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What Will the President Do at the Peace Conference?

Friends Find the Answer in His Addresses, Especially the "Peace Without Victory" Speech.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—What will be the nature of the proposals that President Wilson will make at the peace conference? And why did he not, before sailing, make an explicit statement of his hopes and plans?

These two questions, among many connected with the forthcoming conference in Paris and Versailles, have been a fruitful subject of discussion in Congress and in official Washington generally. The first of them continues to furnish matter for endless speculation, and will so continue till the world knows exactly what stand the President has taken at the peace table.

Both questions, say friends of the President who are qualified to interpret what is in his mind, are easily answered. They express surprise that either question should have aroused speculation.

Why did the President not make a concrete statement to Congress regarding the demands he would put forward? The answer to this is that the President, in his speeches, both before and after America entered the war, has clearly set forth his position, in so far as it can be set forth in advance of the actual heart-to-heart talks that he will have with the leaders of the Entente countries. Inquirers who would know what the President now has in mind are referred to the statements that he has already made. It would have been useless, say his friends, for him to reiterate his views. Moreover, they add, it would not do so on the eve of his going to the peace table as a delegate, not a dictator, and any formal statement of what he intended to demand could have secured no good purpose and might have stirred up antagonism.

There are bound to be mutual concessions, and America, like her co-belligerents, will have to do some giving as well as taking. Had the President committed himself in advance to a hard-and-fast program, he would have placed in the position of having met defeat in case recession at some points should be necessary. As it is, the President stands committed only to certain general principles. He will get all that he can for American ideals and for world democracy, and the extent that he enforces his desires to the point that present conditions are bettered by his efforts—he will be the victor. Otherwise, assuming that he had proclaimed to the world that he intended to bring about a Utopia, he would have appeared beaten to the fact that a Utopia was not reached.

"More agreements may not make peace secure. It will be absolutely necessary that a force be created as a guarantor of the permanency of the settlement so much greater that the force of any nation now engaged or about to be engaged in the struggle projected that no nation, or probable combination of nations, could face or withstand it. If the peace presently to be made is to endure, it must be a peace made secure by the organized major force of mankind."

Further along is a sentence that might have been used—as an argument for feeding Germany, lest anarchy gain the upper hand:

"Only a tranquil Europe can be a stable Europe."

That the President will throw his influence toward a real comity among the nations is indicated in the following:

"The right state of mind, the right feeling between nations, as is necessary for a lasting peace, is the just settlement of vexed questions of territory or of racial and national allegiance."

The President is an idealist; he is also a very shrewd and practical politician. To put the whole thing bluntly, he preferred not to lay all his cards on the table. He is going to Europe not primarily to make for speeches but to talk matters over with Lloyd George and Clemenceau and Orlando, because he feels that only an intimate give-and-take of personal intercourse can complete harmony among America and the allies be attained.

So much for the reason of the President's silence on the grave matters to be settled at Versailles.

As for the other question, concerning the main outlines of his views on the peace settlement, the President's friends point to his published utterances, and more particularly to the address that he delivered to the Senate on Jan. 22, 1917, while America was still a neutral. It was in that speech that the President used the unfortunate "peace without victory" phrase. In recent discussions of the President's views there has been hardly any reference to the address in which the President sought, as he said, "to disclose without reserve the thought and purpose that have been taking form in my mind in regard to the duty of our Government in the days to come when it will be necessary to lay afresh and upon a new plan the foundations of peace among the nations."

The President spoke then of an "international concert" and of a league for peace that would, in his view, have to follow the war. He told his companion of the duty of the American people—"to add their authority and their power to the authority and force of other nations throughout the world."

He made it plain that he stood for a peace devoid of selfishness—"a peace that will win the approval of mankind, not merely a peace that will serve the several interests and

immediate aims of the nations engaged."

Even then he saw that America would have to take a hand in the making of this peace, for, he said, "no covenant of co-operative peace that does not include the peoples of the New World can suffice to keep the future safe against war."

Now follows a definite answer from the President to a question that has caused sharp debate in the Senate, the question whether a league of nations, if formed, should be backed with a force to make good its decrees. The President said: "The definite statement is made that there should be 'a united, independent and autonomous Poland.' There is also the concrete proposal that 'so far as practicable, every great people now struggling towards a full development of its resources' of its powers should secure a direct outlet to the great highways of the sea."

"The freedom of the seas," said the President, "is the sine qua non of peace, equality and co-operation. . . . It need not be difficult either to secure the freedom of the seas if the Governments of the world sincerely desire to come to an agreement concerning it. It is a problem closely connected with the limitation of naval armaments and the co-operation of the navies of the world in keeping the seas at once free and safe."

It will be interesting to see what will be the result of the clash of the President's implied argument for "the limitation of naval armaments" with the recent statement by Winston Churchill, that the English will enter the conference "with the absolute determination that no limitation shall be imposed on our (Britain's) right to maintain our naval defense."

The President declared that all questions of the limitation of armaments by land or sea must be decided "in a spirit of real accommodation."

"Peace," he said, "cannot be had without concession and sacrifice."

The President apparently foresaw that there would be objection to his program on the ground that America, in conformity with traditional policy, must keep clear of entangling alliances.

"I am proposing," he said, "that all nations henceforth avoid entangling alliances which would draw them into competitions of power, catch them in the intrigues and selfish rivalry, and disturb their own affairs with influences intruded from without. There is no entangling alliance in a concert of power. When all unite to act in the same sense and with the same purpose all act in the common interest and are free to live their own lives under a common protection."

The principles that he proposed, said the President, "are American principles, American policies. They are the principles of mankind and must prevail."

So spoke the President on Jan. 22, 1917. The President now goes to Europe to insist that "concession and sacrifice" be made in order that an enduring and just peace may be attained.

1513 NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS DROPPED FROM U. S. SERVICE

1 Major-General, 16 Brigadiers and 42 Colonels Found Unfit Physically, Mentally.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Within nine months after the National Guard was drafted into Federal service, 1513 of its officers had been eliminated. Brigadier-General John P. Heaver, Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs, today in his annual report made public today. These included one Major-General, 16 Brigadiers and 42 Colonels.

Causes of elimination of the officers are given as physical disability, ill resignations, 648 and action of efficiency boards, 552. Thirty officers were dismissed by sentence of court-martial and two are carried on the rolls as deserters. The large number of officers dropped can be satisfactorily explained, Gen. Heaver said, by the fact that only a small proportion had had any military training, while a substantial proportion lacked the necessary basic education and physical qualifications.

The aggregate strength of the National Guard drafted into Federal service is given as 12,100 officers and 367,223 enlisted men.

NATIONAL CONTROL OF U. S. HIGHWAYS IS RECOMMENDED

Growing Importance of Trucks in Interstate Commerce Makes Necessary, Report Congress Is Told.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Highway transportation should be placed under Federal Government direction, according to Lieutenant-Colonel W. D. Usher, president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, which began its annual convention here today.

He said the growing volume and importance of interstate transportation of freight by motor trucks over public highways rendered Government supervision necessary. He said this traffic in the future should be given the same attention by Federal officials as rail and water transportation.

A. D. Williams, acting secretary of the association, said highway construction had decreased 25 to 50 per cent in nearly every section of the country since the beginning of the war.

Sandman Story for Tonight.

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

The Clock's Revenge.

THE hall clock was a tall, dignified looking clock. It never did anything the wrong way. It struck the hours off with exact strokes that rang through the house and it never ran down like some clocks; it was always on time.

One night when it struck the magic hour the door of the playroom was found open.

Teddy Bear went to the door first and then Jumping Jack leaped over to see what Teddy was looking at.

"I am looking at that funny old clock on the stairs," said Teddy Bear. "Isn't it a funny looking thing? Look at its face, so solemn and dignified; and he would not drop his hands for anything, I suppose."

"No, he moves them just on the seconds to a click," laughed Jumping Jack, taking a jump into the hall, and I am sorry to tell that he made a funny face at the clock.

Then Teddy Bear went out beside Jumping Jack and pointed at the clock. "Old Mr. Tick-tock! Old Mr. Tick-tock!" and then they both laughed.

Teddy Bear and Jumping Jack stayed in the hall until daylight neared in. They did not have time to get back to the playroom before their talking power was gone, and there they lay on the floor when their little mistress came up the next morning to the playroom. Of course, she thought she left them there and forgot to put them away the night before. She never dreamed how naughtily they had been.

But the old clock in the hall for first time in all its long life was thinking of something besides its work. It was thinking and planning a way to pay Teddy and Jack for being saucy and making funny faces at it.

Old Mr. Clock had thought of a plan before the next night, and its ticking was so merry it almost gave its secret away, for never had the old clock been known to tick in such a manner before.

It struck off the hours until the house was quite still, and as it drew near to the magic hour the toys in the playroom listened for the stroke that made them free to talk and act.

"ONE, two, three, four," struck old clock, and right on to 11, and there it stopped.

And such a sight as there was in the playroom. If you had looked in just then you would have seen Miss Dolly with one foot out of bed ready to get up, for when the hour of 12 begins to strike the toys begin to rouse, too.

But Miss Dolly did not get out of her bed that night. Jack-in-his-box was just looking over the side of the box. That was as far as he got. Teddy Bear was stretching his arms and legs ready to jump, and there he was on his back on the floor with his legs sticking up and his arms, too.

Jumping Jack had stretched out one leg and twisted his head on one side, and there the clock left him when it struck 11 and stopped.

And there they all were the next morning when daylight came in through the window. They had lost their magic playtime because Teddy

Letters From St. Louis Girl War Workers in France—3

Latest Letter From Miss Susan Fritsch Tells of the Wild Scenes When Announcement Was Made That the Armistice Had Been Signed.

By Marguerite Martyn.

A LETTER from Miss Susan Fritsch, dated Nov. 11, to her family at 5175 Cabanne avenue, tells how news of the armistice was being celebrated at Grenoble that day and the next day, when it was impossible for two American girls to venture upon the streets alone if they happened to object to being embraced in the same public and promiscuous manner the American soldiers were being embraced by the excited populace.

Miss Fritsch, whose letters from Aix-les-Bains appeared on this page Friday, has been transferred from that post to service in the Y. M. C. A. canteen at Grenoble, another further report of our boys in France. The letter follows:

DEAREST family: This has been the most exciting day 11 this morning when we received the communique that the armistice was signed.

"At that minute everybody in Grenoble started parading and beautiful flags were put out, bells rang, people yelled and it sounded as if a city of 100,000 people, who hadn't cheered for four years, had suddenly found their voices, and they certainly were hilarious.

We Were Treated to Champagne.

"At lunch our hotel manager treated us all to champagne and we drank to the soldiers in the dining room. After lunch we went out on the crowded streets again and everyone was on his balcony yelling and waving the Marcellaise and there were all the allied flags flying and the people on the balconies throwing roses and chrysanthemums to the soldiers.

"At 2 o'clock we had a big American parade. All the soldiers, hundreds of them, S. and I, all in squad formation, marched through the streets and stopped at all the big public buildings and were cheered and cheered.

"We went first to the Prefecture's then to the university, then to the French and Italian hospitals where all the wounded came out and yelled 'Vive l'Amérique!' etc. Then they sang their national songs. We all formed squads right in front of the American Consuls, who talked a few minutes, and it was all thrilling.

WHEN we left the canteen about 6 o'clock it was dark, and all the balconies were decorated with bright lanterns and big red flare lights. Everyone was holding his own private celebration out in the street and dancing and parading at every turn.

"We managed to pull through the crowd to our hotel and then after

and Jack had made fun of the old clock.

The next morning everybody in the house overslept and the master of the house thought the old clock had run down for the first time in its life, but to his surprise when he tried to wind it it did not need to be wound; it had stopped and no one knew why. But the toys knew why, for Miss Dolly had been left sitting in her carriage in the hall that night that

Two Canteeners in France, One of Whom is a St. Louisan



MISS SUSAN FRITSCH (right) and a COMPANION in Y.M.C.A. CANTEEN SERVICE at GRENOBLE, FRANCE.

dinner the excitement began all over again. The streets were still thronged and every allied nation was holding its own parade.

ENORMOUS CROWDS.

"First a big crowd of picturesque looking poilus with their enormous loose coats and black 'tams' would march by, waving crutches in the air, many of them, or carrying one another or girls on their shoulders.

And then the Italians had their parade, and, of course, the Americans were everywhere. Girls were embracing them, and pinning flowers on them.

"The principal game of the evening was for all the men in the streets to join in a circle around any girl they saw, then dance around her and kiss her. A typical French celebration.

SKYROCKETS were shot off, and the big gun on the Bastille fired every 15 minutes. It's the first time it has been used in more than a hundred years. Grenoble is noted, you know, for its wonderful fort and

Teddy and Jack had been so naughty, and she told the toys the next night all she had seen and heard, for the old clock had begun to tick again in the middle of the day just as if nothing had happened. So the next night it struck 12 and the toys began to talk.

And that was how it happened that Miss Dolly told them. "I knew something would happen," she said to Teddy Bear, "when I heard you and

bastille. We celebrated until midnight, but the French were up all night.

"Nov. 12—today they are doing it all over again. The stores are all closed, and there is much confetti and many flowers are being thrown. We can't even step out of our hotel alone, the people are so gay and hilarious.

GIRLS IN STREETS.

"They embrace you at every step. All the small children yell at you. The war is finished! all the English girls know.

"This afternoon an old lady came into the canteen and, with tears in her eyes, asked if she might pin a bunch of flowers over President's Wilson's picture which we had in the window.

"THE celebration will continue all week, they say. The city certainly is wild with joy, but I wish I were in St. Louis with you all tonight, so that we could celebrate the fiftieth of the guerre together."

Jack making fun of old Mr. Clock, and unless you want the rest of us to stop speaking to you don't you ever treat Mr. Clock disrespectfully again."

If Teddy Bear or Jumping Jack happened to be left in the hall at night after that they whispered and not once did they look toward old Mr. Clock.

By E. J. RATH,
Author of "Too Much Efficiency."

TOO MANY CROOKS A Story of Laughs and Thrills

(Continued from yesterday.)

CHAPTER II.

Legal Advice.

THE air was crisp and sweet with the coolness of a young morning when an unmuffled roadster shot into the highway from the Browning estate and settled into a brisk and steady pace toward the city. Charlotte was alone. Sometimes she took her father to the bank, but not today. She had thinking to do, and while it was not strictly of a treasonable character, she nevertheless preferred to do it in the absence of Erastus P. Browning.

For Charlotte was about to seek legal advice on a matter that lay nearest to her heart, although, somewhat to her chagrin, it had not sufficed to cause her a single wakeful hour.

"I shall obey my father, of course—within reason," she informed the steering wheel. "But I will not put my future behind me."

Charlotte looked particularly well for a person with sore trouble. Had she been seeking sympathy her quest would have been in vain, for nobody would have sympathized with her. They would have said: "Lucky girl! Lucky, because you are nice to look at—lucky because you have a car that could be traded for an even dozen of the other kind."

Of course, such an opinion would not have taken into account Charlotte's anguish of mind; yet so far as it went there could have been no exception to it.

So early was her start from the Browning homestead that Charlotte found herself in the heart of the city long before the street traffic had begun to roll heavily southward. But she did not loiter because of this. Rather, she hastened, the eagerness of a fresh resolve supplying a firm and nervous touch to the foot that controlled the accelerator.

Far downtown, in a neighborhood where many lawyers dwell by day in tall buildings, Charlotte parked her car at the curb and entered one of the dormitories. An elevator carried her to the eighteenth floor, and a few steps along the corridor

brought her opposite a door that bore these words on its glass panel:

MARSHALL BLACKSTONE,
Attorney and Counselor at Law.

She turned the knob, but the door did not yield. Nor did knocking bring any response. Charlotte looked at her watch; it was 8:45 o'clock. So she paced the corridor impatiently, and wondered how and when lawyers made a living. It was past 9 o'clock when a small boy, who whistled in an off key, emerged from an elevator, sauntered to the door of Marshall Blackstone, and unlocked the door. Charlotte was at his heels as he entered.

"Geel! You're early," said the boy.

"I wish to see Mr. Blackstone."

"Are you the lady that's getting the divorce?"

"No!"

"The boy did not conceal his disappointment, yet he rallied.

"The boss said she was a pippin," he observed, eyeing Charlotte.

It was at once an explanation and a delicate compliment, and Charlotte whose perceptions were almost invariably keen, was not displeased.

"I'll wait for Mr. Blackstone," she said, seating herself in a comfortable chair in the outer room.

It was 10 o'clock when an astonishingly thin young man entered from the hall and tossed his hat on a table.

"Why, Charlotte!" he exclaimed.

"Is this the hour you begin work?" asked Charlotte severely, for her patience had not been equal to the hour of waiting.

"Why didn't you phone you were coming?" said Mr. Blackstone apologetically. "I'd have been down earlier."

"And who is the pippin who is getting the divorce?" pursued Charlotte.

Marshall Blackstone cast an ominous look at his office boy, and then laughed.

"Is that what you came to ask about?"

"No, not exactly. But it's embarrassing to be mistaken. I came for advice, Marshall."

"Great!" he exclaimed. "I sell it. How much will you have?"

He led the way to the inner office and adjusted a comfortable chair for Charlotte, so that it faced his own, and also afforded the advantage of letting the morning light play upon her face. Marshall Blackstone was addicted to studying Charlotte's dark eyes whenever opportunity favored.

"Of course," she began, "I insist on paying for your advice."

"Well, if you didn't insist, I would ask Blackstone promptly, and in his best business manner, 'I suppose you want the best grade of advice?'"

"Now this is serious, Marshall—really."

"What's wrong? Have you robbed father's bank?"

"Oh, not really."

"Somebody ought to rob it," he said reflectively. "It has too much money now. If you're a profitable client, perhaps I'll be the lucky one."

"It has nothing to do with the bank," retorted Charlotte severely.

"It concerns me."

"And father," she added.

"Good. We'll start suit today. What shall I sue him for?"

"Are you going to be sensible, Marshall?"

"Pardon me, Charlotte. Go to it; I'm listening."

And Charlotte, tapping a nervous hand on the desk, told him of her plans and her hopes, and also of the parental veto interposed by Erastus P. Browning.

"Now what am I to do?" she demanded.

"Hum!"

For half a minute Marshall Blackstone studied his client in silence. Then he stepped over to a shelf and took down the biggest book he could find. He studied its pages for some time, frowning at it. Charlotte became impatient.

"Whatever are you doing, Marshall?" she demanded.

"Bluffing," he responded promptly, tossing the book to the floor and smiling at her.

The severity in Charlotte look sobered him.

"Do you want me to advise you to disobey your father?" he asked.

"N-no; I didn't say that. But you always used to advise me, you know."

"In the kid days; I remember," he

noded. "I think I once advised you to swim across the pond in your best Sunday dress—and you did."

Charlotte made a wry face.

"And you also advised me afterward to throw myself on mercy of the court, didn't you—and go a spinning," she added.

"That's so," he nodded. "I forgot the spanking. Most of my clients are getting the same thing nowadays, too. Are you ready to risk another?"

"We're disagreeing," said Charlotte primly. "Now tell me what I'm to do. I will not give up my plans. I intend to write my play and I intend to know my people at first hand. Of course, father says I'm crazy."

"Well, I think he might be able to prove it," remarked Blackstone. Then he added hastily: "That is, if you should go ahead with your plan of running away."

"Then you advise me to yield—to give up everything?" cried Charlotte with a gesture of despair.

The young man in the swivel chair shook his head and watched her with interested eyes.

"By no means, Charlotte. It hasn't come to that yet. Let's see now."

He spent a minute or so staring out of the window, while Charlotte sat restless. When he turned to her again his mind seemed to have moved on a tangent.

"Had an interesting time last week, Charlotte. You know the Fralings?"

"Yes, I know them. They asked me up to the beach of it was the crowd itself. Leave it to Mrs. Dan to dig up the live ones. She had a Scotchman in kilts, with actual bullet wounds in him. She had the only man who ever explored some desert other without dying of thirst. He had two actresses from the 'Help Yourself' company. She had a Chinese missionary. She had—"

"Marshall!"

There was an unmistakable tinge of temper in Charlotte's interruption, and he regarded her with mild surprise.

"I came here for advice and not for a report on how you amuse yourself," she declared. "I am not in the least interested in the house party."

"That surprises me, Charlotte. House parties rather appeal to me, you know, and I always thought they did to you. Why, you've even invited

LOVE Its Whys and Wherefores

Why Some Men Are Born Bachelors.

By FAY STEVENSON.

SOME men are simply born bachelors. It would be easier to hitch a wagon to a star than to marry off some of these "confirmed" bits of humanity.

And the worst of it is that sometimes they really are very eligible, likeable souls. One loves to have them at week-end parties, at dinners and all kinds of social functions. They seem to fit in so with a merry widow, a divorcee or a chic young miss. And yet, with all a hostess's maneuvering and scheming and planning of tete-a-tetes—nothing ever comes of it. The only thing she can do is to keep right on inviting the bachelor—each time reelling the chair opposite him with a different type of feminine gender. After all, he makes a valuable ornament!

But in the quietness of her own heart more than one hostess has sighed: "Why, oh, why, can't I marry him off to SOME of my friends? Women may come and women may go, but HE goes on forever! But why?"

Some Men Born

to Be Single.

Because, dear hostesses, some men were destined to die single. You might as well wonder why some coconuts develop into butterflies and some into moths, why some people float through life on a lily leaf and others escape none of its miseries! Such is life!

YOU see, the "confirmed" bachelor has always aimed too high. He is a clear case of a moth aiming at a star! As a small boy he worshipped at the feet of a pretty school teacher. Then he fell violently in love with the first actress he set eyes on. Finally in his sixteenth year he pined in vain for the belle of the ball.

After a series of pedestal loves he grew less and less as a matrimonial possibility. The man who has always had an ideal love, a love which he knew could never materialize, finds it impossible to fall in love with the possible.

One can understand how the chap who fell in love with "the little girl across the street" can repeat his personal history and fall in love with that very girl or another twice as sweet a few years hence. One can understand how the college boy falls in love with the girl he helps to translate Latin. It is easy to see how the chap who was sent out at the age of 14 to make his own way in the world and never had time to think of girls or love, suddenly finds his bank account swelling and seeks out a pretty little wife. Matrimony to such men is possible. It is within their reach.

But for the boy of 6 who falls in love with his

ne to your own house."

"I've put amusements aside, Marshall. I've work to do."

"But just think what wonderful folks you sometimes meet at house parties," persisted Blackstone stubbornly. "I don't mean the society stuff. I mean all kinds of folks. I mean—"

The young man smiled at her. "Marshall Blackstone!"

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The National League Will Show That Perfect Harmony Is Possible Without a Toner

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAY CUT SCHEDULE AND PLAYER LIMIT

Meeting Which Opens at New York Today May Also Elect John Heydler to Presidency.

COMMISSION UNSETTLED

Probabilities Strong That No Changes in Governing Body Will Be Made Now.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Reconstruction problems in baseball, with the possibility of the adoption of a retrenchment policy for the coming season, faced club owners of the National League at the opening session of the annual meeting here this afternoon.

Pending the arrival of August Hermann of the Cincinnati club and Chairman of the National Commission, six of the owners continued the informal conferences they have been holding since Sunday.

It was reported unofficially that considerable sentiment existed in favor of conducting the league affairs on a strict economical basis and that contemplated changes in the National Commission would not be attempted until another season.

A cut in the player limit was said to be favored and there are strong indications that the schedule will be shortened, regardless of what action the American League may take on this subject at its meeting in Chicago, later in the week.

Commission Funds Are Low.

The financial condition of the National Commission was reported to be at a low ebb, due to payments made in settling the long-standing dispute with the Federal League. Savings made for many years out of "world's series" receipts have virtually been wiped out, it was said. It was stated that salaries of officials of the commission had been cut sharply during the past year.

The new International League convened today for a discussion of policies for the approaching season.

One of the first acts of the assembled magnates was to deny to Fred Mitchell, the newly-elected president of the Chicago National League club, the right to sit in the session with the other club presidents. The action was taken against Mitchell because of a rule which prohibits any one holding a player's or a manager's contract from representing any club at annual meetings. William Veech, vice president and treasurer of the Cubs, was seated as Chicago's delegate.

Yankers Obtain Schneider.

It is quite possible that the Yankees secured Schneider from Cincinnati to complete a deal last March by which Tim Hendrix went to St. Louis. Lee Magee to Cincinnati and Lena Blackburne was awarded New York. At the last minute the National League refused to waive Blackburne, so that the Yankees lost Hendrix without getting a player in return.

Heydler Favored for President.

No disposition to talk was shown, but one owner did admit that these candidates were definitely in the field for the presidency to succeed John R. Tener, who resigned last August. These three men are John A. Heydler, now acting president, a hot favorite for the post; John Conway Toole, who has been counsel for the league for some time, and Robert Brown, a newspaper man of Louisville, Ky.

John Conway Toole was personal

counsel to James Gaffney when the latter purchased the Boston Braves several years ago. In that way he found much to do in baseball.

RODOWE ABEKEN BACK FROM FLYING SCHOOL

Director of Municipal Athletics Rodowe Abeken, returned last night from the Aviation School at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was in training for a commission as a flyer. Abeken is here on a furlough, but says that he expects to be released from service soon.

Abeken is enthusiastic over the

training he received at M. I. T. and declares that his stay there amounted to a post-graduate collegiate course. He took part in rowing, baseball, handball and other sports while at M. I. T. He expects to resume his duties as head of the playground and athletic branches of the city activities.

Ralph George, Central's center,

suffered an injury to his knee which has necessitated placing it in a plaster cast. He will be unable to leave his home for some time.

Doctors Say Calotabs Are Best for Colds

According to the world's greatest physicians and medical experts, calomel is the best and only dependable remedy for breaking up a cold overnight or curing a cold that has become a sore throat, deep-seated cough or a gripe. Now that science has purified calomel of all its nausaeous and dangerous qualities, the new kind of calomel, called "Calotabs" is even more popular than the old style.

One Calotab on the tongue at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, nor the slightest interference with your diet, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price 35c. Your druggist recommends and guarantees Calotabs and will refund the price if you are not delighted with them—ADV.

Cochran's Great Playing Puts Him in Hoppe's Class

Youthful Aspirant to Title Can No Longer Be Ignored by Champion, Who Asks \$2500 Side Wager to Meet Rival—Title Holder Is Following Jess Willard Tactics.

By John E. Wray.

WILLIE HOPPE, world's champion billiard player, is career-ing head on toward a wonderful cropper. William is whirling blindly along through his reign as autocrat of the billiard world, unmindful of the fact that autocrats are as popular as strychnine.

From being one of the most highly esteemed young men in the professional world of sport he is rapidly classifying himself with Jess Willard and other well-known sharks.

Hoppe, for the past four years, has confined his championship play to beating some pre-historic relic of a great cue expert, such as George Sutton, generally by way of advertisement just prior to a long exhibition tour of six months.

It was expected, formerly, because really Hoppe found no opponents who were able to cause him trouble. Now, however, it's different. Welker Cochran, the young Iowa player, has developed remarkably and appears to be close to Hoppe in some respects. But Hoppe refuses absolutely to meet the Iowa for mere "gate receipts" or a modest side wager of \$500, such as formerly was sufficient. He demands at least a \$2500 wager, and Cochran cannot afford this.

Cochran Outdoes Hoppe. That Cochran deserves the match is evident from his recent long clash with Ora Morningstar at New York. In the course of this 3000-point event, Cochran beat his opponent nearly 1500 points, made a high run of 235 and a grand average of 43.48—championship form, every bit of it. It is a five points greater grand average than Hoppe achieved on his last tour.

Billiard authorities ought to take this situation in hand and so arrange the laws governing championships that a young and ambitious player could get a chance to show his merit without mortgaging his future.

Furthermore, it behooves all sports of a professional nature to organize in such a way and to such a degree that they can compel champions to defend their titles not less than once a year.

Jess Is Heard From.

OTTO FLOTO of Kansas City relates that some day, some place Jess Willard is going to fight someone.

CHICAGO CLUB TO HOLD CLASS A BALKLINE TITLE TOURNAMENT IN FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Dates for the amateur billiard championship contests for the coming season were announced last night at the annual meeting here of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players.

The schedule follows: Class A, 18.2 balkline at Chicago Athletic Club on Feb. 27; Class B, 18.2 balkline at Brooklyn Billiard Association, Feb. 1; Class C, 18.2 balkline at Lawlor's Academy, Brooklyn, Jan. 6; Pocket billiard at New York Athletic Club, March 15.

George B. Dreyden of the Chicago A. A., president of the organization, in his annual address, urged all members to work to maintain the present amateur standards.

The association adopted amendments dividing the country into sectional governing organizations and lowering the annual membership dues. It also was decided to change the time of meeting from Dec. 9 to March 21. The present officers will hold over until next March.

FOUR ST. LOUIS BOYS GET LETTER AT ROLLA

ROLLA, Mo., Dec. 10.—Coach Ray Sermon of the Rolla School of Mines football team, whose eleven was made up this season of men from four states, has announced the award of the letter "M" and among those who received it is Capt. W. E. Cyster of Linden, Kan., who has played with the Miners three years.

The captain-elect for 1919 is H. H. Hoppeck of Joplin, Mo. Hoppeck played three years with his home town high school eleven before coming to Rolla and has been on the local eleven two seasons.

Other men who were awarded letters are: N. P. Larsh, right end, Union, Neb.; A. Groenlein, right tackle, P. W. Clark, right guard, W. M. Taggart, quarterback, and E. J. Bohn, left halfback, all of St. Louis; H. A. Petch, center, Lexington; T. C. Morris, left tackle, Farmington; J. M. Wilson, left end, Hannibal; A. D. Schaffer, right halfback, Springfield; E. A. Slover, East Orange, N. J.; H. H. Hoppeck, fullback, Joplin.

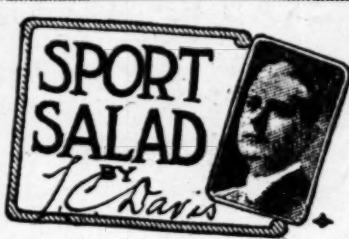
GREAT LAKES BASKET TEAM WILL PLAY NAVY

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Dec. 10.—Bill Chandlee, who captained Wisconsin to the Big Ten basketball championship a year ago, has taken over the management of the Great Lakes five. Not only will Chandlee play center, but he is drafting one of the most comprehensive schedules on record. He plans to show the gob team from coast to coast.

One of the trips already arranged includes games in New York City and at Annapolis. A tour of the Western Conference colleges also is carded, as well as sorties into nearby collegiate territory. Herman P. Olcott, who handled the football team during the early games of the season and who is a member of the Fostick commission on Naval Athletics, is coaching the bulky squad. Olcott has a daily turnout of more than 50. He expects to reduce the varsity squad to about 15.

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The Passing Show.

THE winter of our discontent is more like Indian summer. The Spanish flu with fell intent has put us on the hummer.

Is anything but pleasing. But in another week or two The germs may all be freezing.

Three Kings will visit us anon, wooing to the papers; With all their royal habits on. They'll cut some royal capers. Though Teddy may put up a roar, And say we ought to brain them; We'll bid them welcome to our shore And try to entertain them.

Now, while we hold no brief for Kings, With due respect we'll treat 'em; At laying cornerstones and things It's pretty hard to beat 'em. They do the heavy standing round, Till men with block and tackle Have laid the stone upon the ground— Then they proceed to cackle.

King George of England went to France And stopped a while in Lille; He went across to view, perchance, The work of Cousin Willie.

We know he did his best to stop The Kaiser's depredations; So don't be sad; cheer up, old top— We all have taught relations.

The Drama Invades Sport.

TALK of selling the New York theatricals to Cohen and Harris of the theatrical world is not causing any wild enthusiasm among baseball fans. Already we have had too much theatricals and too little baseball connected with advent of one play-producer. See B. B. J-h-n-n.

One of the things we hold most seriously against Harry Frazer of the Red Sox is that he helped to finance Jesse Willard into his present autocracy.

The Battle for Ninth Place.

TORONTO will give Kansas City a hard race for a berth in the National League, a Kansas City writer asserts. In passing we may remark that the birth rate for the new N. L. franchises has been exceedingly low, in recent years, and the berth rate for old ones exceedingly high in the last 20 years.

Kansas City and Toronto, we may add, will probably run a dead heat for ninth place in the N. L. at their present rate of progress. Neither team has any more chance to get into the second division than a "dry" advocate into a brewers' convention.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE NEW SALARY LIMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The second day of the International Baseball League's annual meeting reconvened here today, with discussion tending largely toward financial matters.

With the exception of John Dunn of Baltimore, all the owners said yesterday, that they were ready to continue next season and all were optimistic as to the future of the national game.

Dunn, however, stated that in case the National Commission, at its annual meeting in Cincinnati next month, failed to eliminate the drafting of players by major leagues, his club would not go through another season.

The National Association of minor leagues requested the elimination of the draft rule and its committee will appeal to the commission for the decided change. President-Treasurer Farrar's report of the 1918 season was read and adopted.

The executive recommended that a committee be appointed to fix a club salary limit based on the receipts and disbursements of the season. The limit now adopted by the American Association is \$3000 per month for each of its clubs.

There was a long discussion in regard to the finances of Hamilton, (Canada) club which was transferred from Syracuse, last night season, but no decision was made as to where the club will be located during the coming year.

VALGER DEFEATS WALLACE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—Benny Valger, the French lightweight, had the better of a 6-round bout with Eddie Wallace of Brooklyn, last night. Valger had the advantage of the first, second, fifth and sixth rounds, while the third and fourth went to Wallace.

Fred Stuenkel of East St. Louis, well known among local bowling followers, died at his home on the East Side last night. He was 38 years old and is survived by a wife and daughter.

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Nothing you can do will so effectively protect you against the influenza or gripe epidemic as keeping your organs of digestion and elimination active and your system free from poisonous accumulations.

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LOCAL BOWLERS WILL MAKE TRIP TO TOLEDO

St. Louis May Put in Bid for 1920 A. B. C. Tournament at Annual Meeting.

With the announcement made yesterday that the annual American Bowling Congress tournament would be held in Toledo next March, as originally scheduled, many of the local tenpinners are already talking over plans for making the trip. With the Middle West called off, the A. B. C. will be the lone big tourney for the local bowlers.

Local tenpin officials expect the game to pick up after the first of the year, when many of the local pin toppers, who are in the service will have returned. At that time teams will be formed to make the Toledo trip. The Budweisers, who have not missed an A. B. C. in many years, are sure of going, as are the Union Sodas, captained by Jerry Ameling.

Whether St. Louis will make a bid for the 1920 tournament will be decided at a meeting of the local association. Last year at Cincinnati, the local delegation made a determined bid to land the event, but Toledo won out by a narrow margin.

Special Match Arranged. One of the best special matches held here this season will be staged on the Washington alleys next Sunday afternoon, when Otto Stein Jr. and Oscar Whitehead meet the veteran Jerry Ameling and Howard Smith in a five-game, total-pins-to-count event. Each of the quartet is rated with the leading pinpointers in the city.

Hap Vierheller Returns. "Hap" Vierheller, former manager at Petersen's alleys, and one of the first local bowlers to be drafted into the national army, has returned home, having been mustered out of the service. After serving in the infantry at Camp Funston for a time, Vierheller was transferred to the aviation.

Quite So. Of all sad words of bard or wit, The saddest of all are: "Tag, you're it!"

It's back to the crib for the Cornhuskers.

If Switzerland annexes Baden will Carondelet be safe for democracy?

Wonder if the good ship, George Washington, would "lie" in case of a storm?

Hot Stuff.

We take it there will be a hot time in the old town when the boys are mustered out.

Weights and Measures.

If England gets eight billion pounds From Hokenzollern's Huns, It looks like Belgium should get About eight billion tons.

Bring Aft the Seltzer.

If old Flint were alive today, we presume he would be singing: "To ho, ho! and a jigger of grape-juice."

Unless the price of eggs comes down considerably, it's going to cost money to round up a ball team next year.

PITCHER JIM PARK NOW DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 10.—James Park, former University of Kentucky star athlete, later big league player and recently discharged from aviation service, has been appointed Athletics Director of Transylvania College here for the coming year. The announcement was made by President R. H. Crossfield yesterday.

Park formerly pitched for the St. Louis American League club and later farmed out to the American Association.

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Billikens Ask for Berth in Missouri Valley Conference

Application Filed by Father Hermans and Coach Quigley Will Be Acted Upon at Kansas City Meeting This Month; Many 1918 Players Eligible Next Season.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY has made formal application to become a member of the Missouri Valley Conference next season, Father H. A. Hermans, athletic director of the Billikens, announced today. Father Hermans said the application is now on its way to the proper authorities and will be acted upon at the meeting of the conference officials scheduled in Kansas City this month.

The idea of getting into the conference was suggested by Coach Ernest C. Quigley, Father Hermans said, and the coach has been given full power to act for St. Louis U. at the Kansas City meeting. Father Hermans said he understood Coach Quigley already has written personal letters to the athletic directors of the various colleges now in the conference asking them for their support.

Assure Strong Opponents. "Aside from the prestige it would add to football at St. Louis University," Father Hermans explained, "Coach Quigley seemed to believe that if we could get into the conference it would assure us plenty of strong opponents for 1919. We are willing and, of course, would expect to offer strictly to conference eligibility rules."

"I am quite certain we could produce a sufficiently strong team under these rules to put St. Louis U. on the map in Valley circles. Just at present, I do not know what they would do with those members of the 1918 eleven who have played their three years."

"If, however, conference officials rule that 1918 should not be considered a football year, every member of the 1918 eleven would be eligible to play again next season, with the exception of Frank Doran, who graduates next June."

The present members of the Missouri Valley Conference are Washington University, Missouri, Drake, Ames, Kansas and Kansas Aggies.

Coach R. B. Rutherford of Washington University yesterday declined a challenge to play the Oklahoma University football team next Saturday. The local eleven has disbanded for the season. Rutherford announced, Oklahoma had an excellent team, defeating Arkansas 103 to 9, and Kansas 33-0. The Nebraska score against Kansas was 24-0.

Capt. George Berger of the 1918 Washington eleven, will have two more years of varsity football, if the Valley conference decides to follow the lead set by the Western conference in throwing out the 1918 season.

A DIAMOND—for a Christmas present. Eight months to play. Lofis Bros. & Co., 24 floor, 308 N. 6th st. Open evenings.—Adv.

National Commission Stronger Than Ever, Under Proposed Plan

CHICAGO, Dec. 10. Instead of being curtailed and shorn of its powers, the National Commission is likely to become more powerful than ever, if a program mapped out here yesterday at a conference between President Ban Johnson of the American League, and Al Tearney minor league representative, goes through.

According to this plan that commission will become the SOLE administrative power in baseball, settling both major and minor league disputes.

Tearney, who was appointed at the present board of arbitration, said that a joint meeting of committees from the American, National and minor league would be held in January to take action on all proposals.

Johnson and Tearney agreed that the present board of arbitration was unwieldy and that one body could handle all the work in the future.

INJURY MAY KEEP GREB OUT OF LONDON TOURNEY

CHATHAM, England, Dec. 10.—Harry Greb, the American middleweight boxer, who was one of the United States entries in the Kings trophy boxing tournament scheduled to be held in London, starting tomorrow, may be unable to compete because of an injury received in a workout last week.

Winners of elimination contests which have been held to date are Richie Mitchell, the Great Lakes lightweight; Billy Whelan and George McManus.

"PINKEY" MITCHELL WINS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10.—"Pinkey" Mitchell won every session of the 10-round, no-decision windup over Otto Wallace, last night before a local boxing club, sporting writers agreed. Mitchell, a brother of the well-known Milwaukee lightweight, had his opponent hanging on the concluding rounds.

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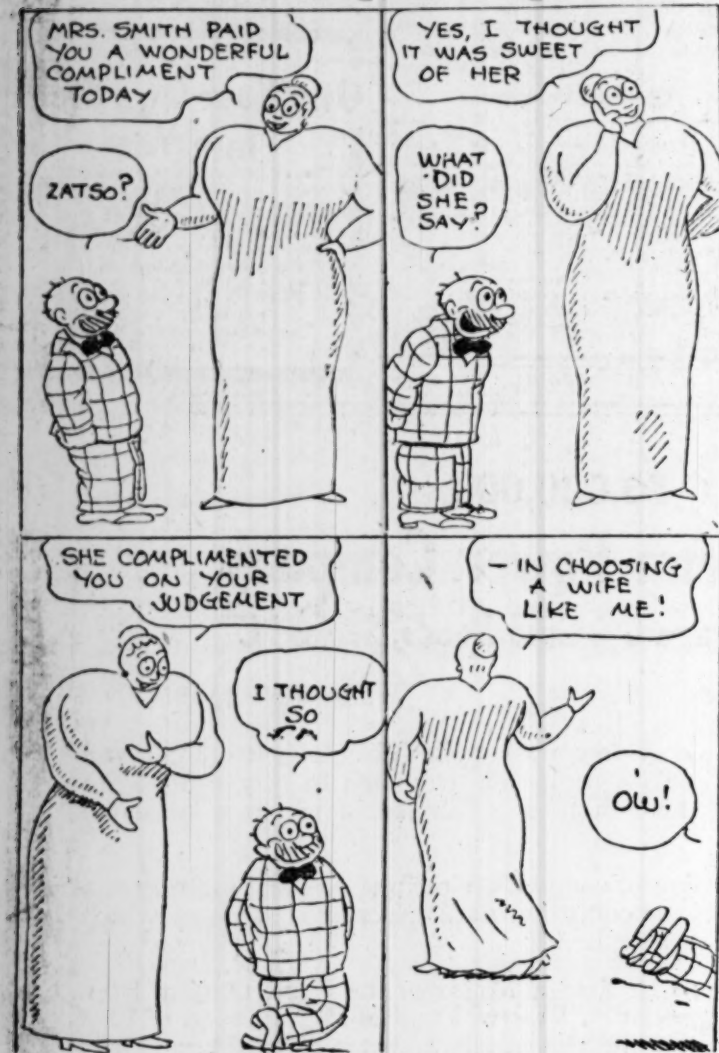
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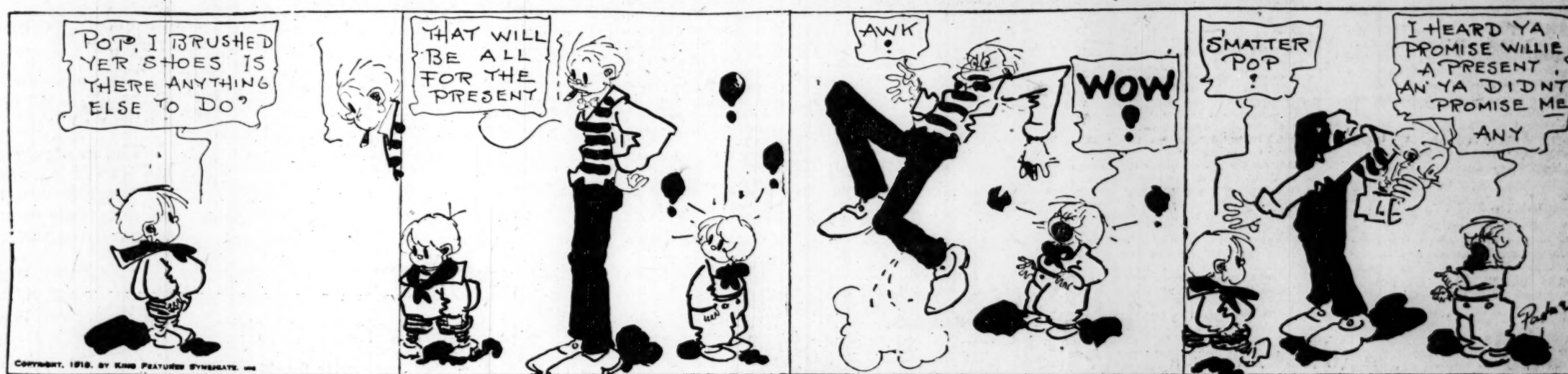
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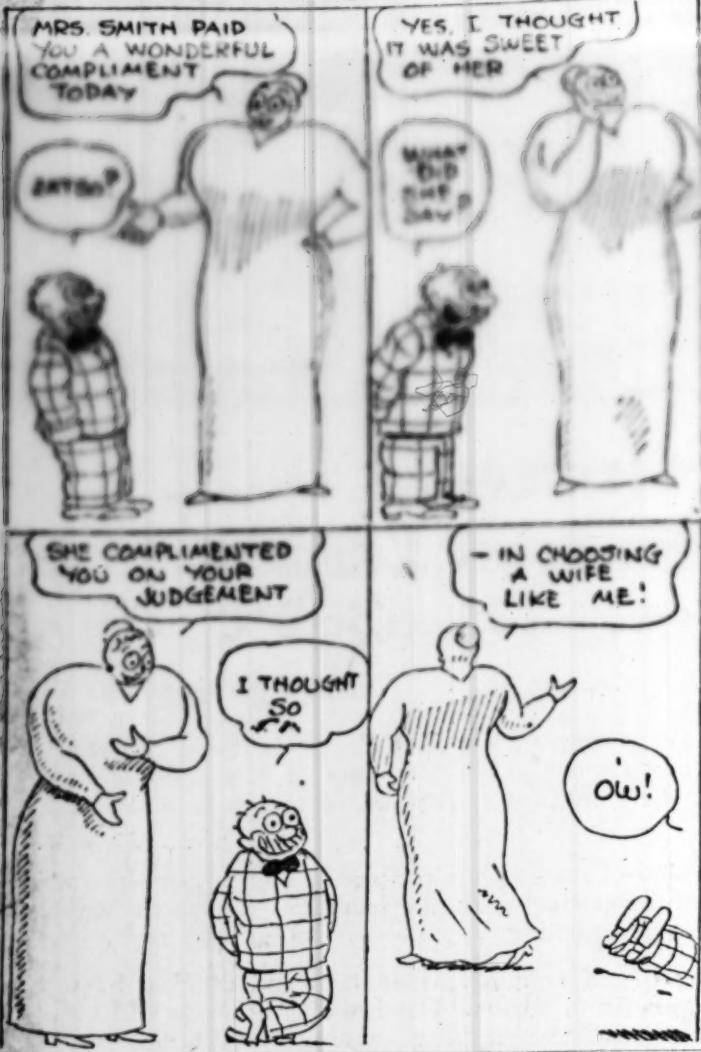
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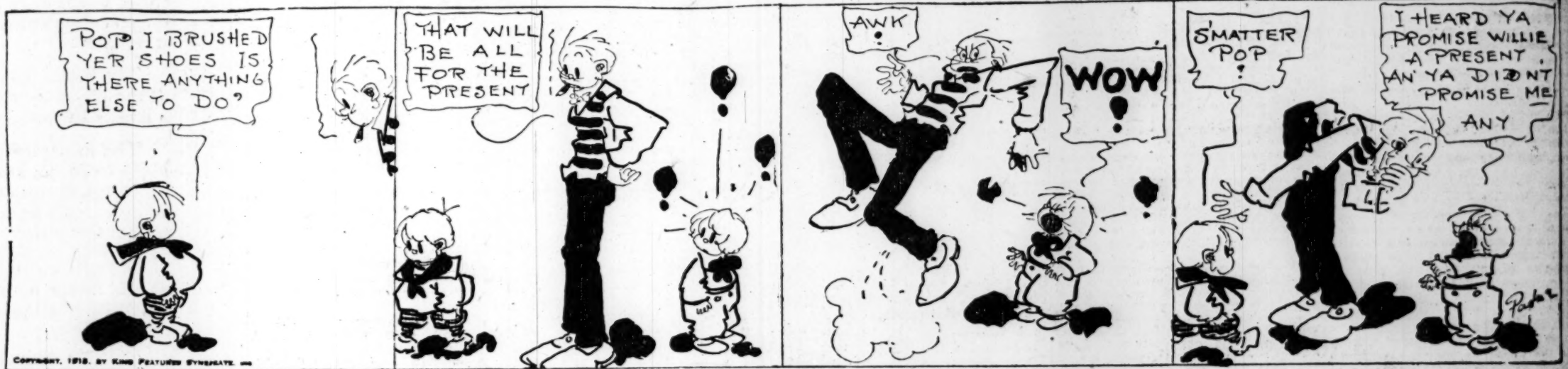


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